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### STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

## Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics. AREA AND POPULATION.

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State	Area— Square	Census-	-30th June	e, 1933.	Estimat	Popula- tion— Capital		
Territory.	Miles.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Cities, 31st Dec., 1943
N.S.W.	309,433	1.318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,437,380	1,433,576	2,870,956	1,398,000
Victoria	87.884			1,820,261	987,347	1,010,457	1,997,804	1,170,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	549,682	515,732	1,065,414	370,500
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987					362,500
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915					263,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599				70,800
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472					(b)
A.C.T	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,145	7,300	14,445	12,200
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,670,213	3,636,424	7,306,637	3,647,000 (c)

<sup>(</sup>a) Subject to revision for interstate migration. (b) Not available. (c) Excludes Darwin, N.T.

#### ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

31st Dec	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857		3,765,339
1910	1.643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301		4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,072	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1939	2,762,789	1,886,256	1,019,133	598,910	468,833	242,524	6,212	12,669	6,997,326
1940	2,782,991	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,299	14,086	7,068,689
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	474,317	241.681	5,570	14,391	7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,151	4,952	14,673	7,196,622
1943a	2,845,930	1,995,769	1,058,094	620,698	482,454	244,056	5,155	14,285	7,266,441

<sup>(</sup>a) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

#### ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia
1901	1.363.373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765		3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403		4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1939	2,748,192	1,881,854	1,013,710	596,371	465,531	238,097	5,999	12,092	6,961,846
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	13,556	7,032,361
1941	2,791,169	1,936,725	1,037,416	602,119	473,819	239,824	6,276	14,705	7,102,053
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,972	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	14,627	7,170,863
1943c	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,345	5,144	14,115	7,229,864

<sup>(</sup>a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (c) Subject to revision for interstate migration.

<sup>(</sup>b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

### BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 30th September, 1944.

		Births.					
State or Territory.	Males	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Marriages.
New South Wales Victoria	7,633 5,011 3,138 1,633 1,417 643 11	7,349 4,800 3,014 1,617 1,363 645 15	14,982 9,811 6,152 3,250 2,780 1,288 26	4,158 3,179 1,444 915 774 400 4	3,401 2,950 1,067 792 516 342 1	7,559 6,129 2,511 1,707 1,290 742 5	6,284 4,479 2,915 1,470 1,017 509 5
Australia	19,542	18,837	38,379	10,884	9,078	19,962	16,707

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Nine Months		
					1943.	1944.	

#### BIRTHS-NUMBER.

New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	49,382 31,962 20,412 10,017 9,121 4,994 173	51,729 34,406 21,519 10,965 10,118 5,206 216	52,647 35,927 21,166 11,278 9,901 5,305 92	57,265 39,117 23,234 13,145 10,481 5,597 80	42,474 28,626 17,395 9,867 7,569 3,991 55	44,761 29,394 18,482 9,725 8,159 3,893 70
Australian Capital Territory		366	392	376	277	281
Australia	126,347	134,525	136,708	149,295	110,254	114,765

### BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales	17.81	18.53	18.68	20.16	19.93	20.79
Victoria	16.79	17.77	18.28	19.75	19.28	19.61
Queensland	19.89	20.74	20.39	22.09	22.06	23.13
South Australia	16.72	18.21	18.46	21.36	21.38	20.85
Western Australia	19.37	21.35	20.68	21.85	21.04	22.42
Tasmania	20.77	21.71	22.04	23.10	21.96	21.15
Northern Territory	27.66	34.42	18.81	15.55	14.25	18.03
Australian Capital Territory	21.10	24.89	26.80	26.64	26.16	25.94
Australia	17.97	18.94	19.06	20.65	20.34	20.95

<sup>(</sup>a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

#### BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

Okaka an Mannikanna	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	First Nine Months of—		
State or Territory.					1943.	1944.	

## Deaths(a)—Number.

						00 505
New South Wales	26,143	27,300	29,219	28,870	22,166	20,507
Victoria	20,293	20,522	21,973	21,327	16,327	15,699
Queensland	9,203	9,530	9,622	10,576	8,255	7,174
South Australia	5,708	6,288	6,712	6,482	5,029	4,487
Western Australia	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587	3,517	3,416
Tasmania	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,527	1,931	1,903
Northern Territory	86	122	83	49	34	24
Australian Capital Territory	78	70	76	68	46	50
Australia	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,486	57,305	53,260

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

## DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales	9.43	9.78	10.37	10.16	10.40	9.52
Victoria	10.66	10.60	11.18	10.77	10.99	10.48
Queensland	8.97	9.19	9.27	10.06	10.47	8.97
South Australia	9.53	10.44	10.99	10.53	10.90	9.61
Western Australia	9.53	10.07	10.60	9.56	9.77	9.39
Tasmania	9.93	10.74	10.09	10.43	10.63	10.34
Northern Territory	13.75	17.44	16.97	9.53	8.89	6.17
Australian Capital Territory	5.75	4.76	5.20	4.82	4.35	4.61
Australia	9.72	.10.02	10.49	10.30	10.58	9.72

#### MARRIAGES-NUMBER.

New South Wales	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,302	19,754	19,968
Victoria	22,299	20,898	23,636	18,356	13,831	13,374
Queensland	10,287	9,885	11,722	9,979	7,485	8,444
South Australia	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,263	4,843	4,635
Western Australia	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,528	3,433	3,404
Tasmania	2,476	2,150	2,431	2,102	1,644	1,474
Northern Territory	154	179	53	46	37	20
Australian Capital Territory	125	121	115	97	70	73
Australia	77,889	75,148	86,060	67,673	51,097	51,392

<sup>(</sup>a) Preliminary rates. (b) Equivalent annual rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1040	1041	1049	1943.	First Nin- of-	
State of Territory.	1940,	1941.	1942.	1940.	1943.	1944.
	MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN P  28					
Marriage-Ra	TES-PER	1,000 or	MEAN P	OPULATIO:	N.	
				(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales	10.95			9.26	9.27	9.28
Victoria	11.71	10.79	12.03	9.27	9.31	8.92
Queensland	10.03	9.53		9.49	9.49	10.58
South Australia	11.60	11.38	13.31	10.18	10.49	9.93
Western Australia	11.11	10.72	11.37	9.44	9.55	9.35
Гasmania	10.30	8.96	10.10	8.67	9.04	8.01
Northern Territory	24.62	28.52	10.84	8.94	9.59	5.15
Australian Capital Territory	9.22	8.23	7.86	6.87	6.61	6.78
Australia	11.08	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.43	9.37
		N UNDER	1 Vear	OF AGE		
New South Wales				2,061	1,603	1,374
				1,399	1,064	978
				879	682	590
				482	394	
South Australia	300					288
			365	342		
Western Australia	403	357		342 227	261	27
Western Australia Tasmania	403 176	$\frac{357}{255}$	225	227	261 170	278 153
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	403 176 8	357 255 18	225 4		261	278 153
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Western Australia Fasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Territory  Australia  INFANT  New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia	403 176 8 3 4,855 THE MORT 39.02 39.45 35.32 35.54 44.18	357 255 18 6 5,344 2ALITY—P: 43.77 36.21 39.13 32.47 35.28	225 4 9 5,400 ER 1,000 40.17 41.67 34.73 39.72 36.86	227 6 7 5,403 BIRTHS. 35.99 35.76 37.83 36.67 32.63	261 170 5 5 4,184 37.74 37.17 39.21 39.93 34.48	3,673 3,673 30.77 33.2' 32.2! 29.6 33.70
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Territory  Australia  INFANT New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	403 176 8 3 4,855 THE MORT 39.02 39.45 35.32 35.54 44.18 35.24	357 255 18 6 5,344 2ALITY—P. 43.77 36.21 39.13 32.47 35.28 48.98	225 4 9 5,400 ER 1,000 40.17 41.67 34.73 39.72 36.86 42.41	227 6 7 5,403 Births. 35.99 35.76 37.83 36.67 32.63 40.56	261 170 5 5 4,184 37.74 37.17 39.21 39.93 34.48 42.60	30.77 33.22 39.67 39.37 39.38
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Territory  Australia  INFANT  New South Wales Victoria	403 176 8 3 4,855 THE MORT 39.02 39.45 35.32 35.54 44.18 35.24 46.24	357 255 18 6 5,344 2ALITY—P. 43.77 36.21 39.13 32.47 35.28 48.98 83.33	225 4 9 5,400 ER 1,000 40.17 41.67 34.73 39.72 36.86 42.41 43.48	227 6 7 5,403 BIRTHS. 35.99 35.76 37.83 36.67 32.63 40.56 75.00	261 170 5 5 4,184 37.74 37.17 39.21 39.93 34.48 42.60 90.91	30.77 33.22 32.26 33.77 39.39 28.5
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Territory  Australia  INFANT New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	403 176 8 3 4,855 THE MORT 39.02 39.45 35.32 35.54 44.18 35.24	357 255 18 6 5,344 2ALITY—P. 43.77 36.21 39.13 32.47 35.28 48.98	225 4 9 5,400 ER 1,000 40.17 41.67 34.73 39.72 36.86 42.41	227 6 7 5,403 Births. 35.99 35.76 37.83 36.67 32.63 40.56	261 170 5 5 4,184 37.74 37.17 39.21 39.93 34.48 42.60	3,673 30.76

### MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

77		Arrivals.			Excess of Arrivals		
Year.	Males	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Departures
1921–25	 289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30	 266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931–35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a)10,886
1936-40	 161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1938	 39,910	38,018	77.928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939	 37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940	 19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941	 11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942	 6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943	 3,893	2,232	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271

<sup>(</sup>a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

## Section II.—Production. PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.

Season.		Grain.		Hay.	Acres. 369,896 368,592 374,967	Total Area
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			Crops.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38	 13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39	 14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40	 13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41	 12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371.623	21,117,830
1941-42	 12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43	 9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44(a)	 7,860,470	1,413,682	282,685	2,041,369	336,440	15,882,285

(a) Subject to revision.

### TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.		Grain.		Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane	
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.	11.11,	Sugar cane.	Sugar.	
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	
1937-38	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319	
1938-39	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086	
1939-40	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621	
1940-41	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457	
1941-42	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980	
1942-43	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,953	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899	
1943-44(a)	109,558,721	17,694,047	7,432,619	2,716,936	3,687,981	(b)	

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not yet available.

### AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1937–38	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941–42	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942–43	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44(b)	13.94	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	(c)

#### AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938–39 1939–40 1940–41 1941–42			362,044 322,081	2,734,595 2,560,390		7,495 8,038	2,448 2,045	Acres. 14,346,380 13,285,005 12,644,646 12,003,483
1942–43 1943–44		2,145,156 1,793,428			1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345 7,860,470

### TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39 1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44	Bushels. 59,898,000 76,552,000 23,933,100 48,500,000 51,693,045 47,500,000	Bushels. 18,104,369 45,054,592 13,521,422 46,953,840 41,803,107 19,733,322	Bushels. 8,583,736 6,794,906 5,687,350 3,079,898 5,005,065 5,088,492	Bushels. 31,674,418 41,071,696 17,856,118 30,511,112 36,525,459 20,690,471	Bushels. 36,843,600 40,861,000 21,060,000 37,500,000 20,600,000 16,384,944	Bushels, 205,263 107,719 140,375 145,191 73,320 122,141	Bushels. 59,235 45,393 34,959 22,824 27,987 39,351	Bushels. 155,368,621 210,487,306 82,233,324 166,712,865 155,727,983 109,558,721

## Principal Crops-Australia-continued. AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia,
1938-39 1939-40	Bushels, 12.88 17.48	Bushels. 6.59 15.93	Bushels. 19.42 18.77	Bushels. 10.28 15.02	Bushels. 10.79 13.76	Bushels. 20.84 14.37	Bushels. 28.74 18.54	Bushels. 10.83 15.84
1940-41 1941-42	5.37 12.22	5.06 17.03	17.66 10.59 14.95	6.97 13.12	8.02 14.13	17.46 22.64	17.09 17.64	6.50 13.89
1942-43 1943-44	$17.04 \\ 17.64$	19.49 11.00	18.09	18.18 13.49	11.75 10.55	$17.76 \\ 25.24$	24.88 27.75	16.78 13.94

## NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK. Mar. N.S.W. Victoria. Q'land. S Aust. W. Aust. Tasmania. N. Terr. A.C.T. Australia.

Shrep.									
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943c 1944c	54,372,472 55,568,000 56,737,000 56,043,598	17,007,352 18,251,870 20,412,362	23,158,569 24,190,931 23,936,099 25,196,245 25,650,231	9,936,586 9,940,570 10,263,423 10,245,894 10,370,565	9,177,531 9,574,433 9,516,272 9,722,780 10,424,385	2,625,690 2,677,120 2,682,375 b2,398,201 2,226,906	26,856 29,901 38,587 33,703 28,245 34,603 25,575	263,616 113,372,518 245,540 111,057,832 259,408 119,305,391 281,791 122,694,025 262,563 125,189,129 250,344 124,614,672 274,642 123,173,962	

#### CATTLE.

- 1			1				1		
1938	8,019,581	1,880,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,686	13.255.841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(b)253,106	892,881	7.432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,892	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,681	978,434	6,967	14,005,320
1944c	3,102,295	2,013,033	6,524,550	414,997	870,939	230,127	978,569	7,890	14,142,400

#### HORSES.

1			1		,		1		
1938	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,513
1939	531,355	343,828	444,521	195,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943 c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	43,663	1,143	1,517,970
1944c	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	30,534	1,151	1,449,199

#### Pigs.

						r in the second			
1938	356,765	285,259	282,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	388	417	1.100.082
1939	877,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	578	1,155,591
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,604	44,941	483	601	1.455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	418	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409.348	156,243	151,958	49,251	532	779	1,563,000
1944c	561,294	337.878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	191	657	1.746.721

- (a) December, previous year. (b) As at March.
- (c) As at 31st March.

#### WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	Ib.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	b153.766.368	76,604,296	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,890,131	b174,751,280	86,606,388	70,684,855	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,390,304
1938-39			b179,458,589		78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1939-40	548,505,998	179,125,526	b195,770,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,037
1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	b214,704,450	106,646,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,128	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,203,170	212,919,041	204,119,026	105,124,013	78,500,000	16,985,404	308,000	1,167,158,654
1942-43	499,443,158	212,325,163	213,966,182	108,637,004	99,231,000	17,256,000	308,000	1,151,166,507
(c)								

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) For year ended previous 31st December. (c) Subject to revision.

#### PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
			В	UTTER.				
1937-38. 1938-39. 1939-40. 1940-41. 1941-42. 1942-43. 1943-44(a)	Tons. 53,966 53,045 52,149 48,466 39,831 43,873 41,204	Tons. 63,090 58,291 73,583 69,797 62,763 55,926 50,269	Tons. 52,788 70,369 63,771 53,544 43,582 50,675 46,014	Tons. 10,013 9,249 10,240 9,545 9,183 9,180 9,186	Tons, 6,863 7,254 6,942 6,802 7,612 6,893 6,729	Tons. 5,356 5,284 5,295 4,729 4,602 4,505 4,385	Tons. 6 8 7 10 7 6 6	Tons. 192,082 203,500 211,987 192,893 167,530 171,058 157,793
			C	HEESE.				
1987-38 1938-39 1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44(a)	Tous. 3,574 3,343 3,038 2,888 2,348 2,350 2,522	Tons. 7,351 8,729 10,935 8,204 10,064 11,280 11,417	Tons. 5,341 7,039 6,182 5,239 7,304 12,741 11,281	Tons. 6,927 8,239 9,174 8,673 8,439 8,000 8,847	Tons. 395 436 378 428 586 731 776	Tons. 1,683 1,518 1,447 1,357 1,412 1,032 1,010		Tons. 25,271 29,304 31,154 26,789 30,153 36,134 35,853
			BACON	AND HA	M.			
1937-38 1938-39 1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44(a)	Tons. 9,542 11,794 11,627 14,091 15,293 15,082 10,834	Tons. 7,454 7,370 7,985 8,946 8,602 8,855 9,451	Tons. (b) 8,753 8,492 8,947 10,299 10,923 13,057 12,507	Tons. 2,766 2,673 3,146 3,345 3,942 4,428 4,861	Tons. (b) 1,790 1,894 2,086 2,304 2,766 4,142 4,338	Tons. 1,096 1,015 1,292 913 937 1,238 1,216	 1 1	Tons. 31,402 33,238 35,038 35,083 39,899 42,464 46,802 43,207

<sup>(</sup>a) Subject to revision.

### QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Yes	ar.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
1937		Fine oz. 1,381,135 1,592,034	Ton. 12,074,274 11.680.159	Ton. 19,789 20.326	Ton. 913,406 929,676	Ton. 240,036 239,590	Oz. 13,778,080 13,895,541	Ton. 3,099 3,331	Ton. 146,740 163.381
1938 1939 1940	::	1,645,697	18,535,142 11,725,683	(b) (b)	1,104,605 1,212,006	(b) (b)	(b) (b)	(b) (b)	
1941 1942 1943	::	1,496,698 1,153,787 751,279	14,212,451 14,903,489 14,163,996	(b) (b) (b)	(b) (b) (b)	(b) (b) (b)	(b) (b) (b)	(b) (b) (b)	(b) (b) (b) (b) (b)

<sup>(</sup>a) Year ended June. (b) Not available.

### VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
-	•			Gold.				
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942	\$ 780,958 848,985 1,068,692 941,244 807,436 666,491	£ 1,273,351 1,533,899 1,924,396 1,600,016 1,060,910 590,541	£ 1,334,788 1,428,598 1,351,654 1,164,621 994,214 656,657	£ 46,922 38,895 34,892 17,908 13,930 5,423	\$ 10,286,849 11,796,085 12,697,219 11,852,452 8,865,806 5,710,663	£ 195,079 192,596 204,248 212,710 191,835 180,209	£ 109,168 163,414 238,849 201,599 126,035 40,880	\$ 14,026,615 16,002,472 17,619,950 15,990,550 12,060,166 7,850,864
			Silv	PER AND	LEAD.			
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942	3,520,465 3,546,440 4,454,085 4,456,973 4,168,421	647 726 969 2,410 2,227	926,614 1,010,856 1,342,550 1,324,349 1,034,550	70 61 391 837 35,585	29,477 32,890 35,107 37,648 23,916	267,773 291,980 500,218 433,643 358,966	:: 4	4,745,046 4,882,953 6,333,324 6,255,860 5,623,665

<sup>(</sup>a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

## Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
				Copper.				
1938 1939 1940 1941	\$7,905 105,407 103,701 117,490 277,376	£	£ 203,967 289,927 428,263 620,996 625,375	£ 15,333 6,612 21,083 41,390 31,715	£ 1,275 1,373 873 154 738	£ 580,238 668,561 717,464 721,985 730,675	£ 4,362 2,248 1,072 3,185	£ 893,086 1,074,128 1,272,456 1,505,206 1,665,879
				TIN.				,000,010
1938	286,768 366,138 373,435 443,123 417,210	28,650 47,233 32,253 19,569 19,173	141,547 200,652 223,626 204,232 150,454	::	7,421 3,871 5,174 1,874 4,634	244,037 282,798 367,127 328,340 297,919	3,205 4,487 4,533 4,041 6,627	711,628 905,179 1,006,148 1,001,179 896,017
			COAL (I	Black and	Brown).			
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942	5,603,842 6,768,659 6,125,585 8,265,881 9,472,363	539,822 645,766 622,001 726,754 880,806	958,884 1,167,844 1,151,567 1,404,646 1,698,231	1,650	375,083 362,811 364,500 389,278 461,495	61,991 74,460 63,688 85,311 108,241		7,539,622 9,019,540 8,327,341 10,871,870 12,622,786
			AL	L MINERA	LS.			
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942	10,731,391 12,123,751 12,791,408 15,073,833 16,258,694	1,884,015 2,248,169 2,596,117 2,371,568 1,980,972	3,966,119 4,556,962 5,105,629 5,300,600 5,023,495		10,844,469 12,288,532 13,230,552 12,399,351 9,487,562	1,889,804 2,056,741 2,749,817 2,650,271 2,494,119	214,724 244,478 311,024 274,172 204,366	32,462,995 36,838,814 40,002,784 41,256,888 38,462,181

## ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricul- tural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing.	Total
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	 £'000. 91,403 93,229 76,851	£'000. 105,499 100,794 84,895	£'000. 49,886 57,641	£'000. 11,765 14,755	£'000. 27,381 32,434	£'000. 170,811 188,061	£'000. 456,745 486,914
1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43(b)	 95,784 70,406 94,451 111,230	104,972 110,959 120,000 133,246	60,404 62,070 62,629 64,857 71,681	$ \begin{array}{c} 14,634 \\ 15,347 \\ 17,179 \\ 18,671 \\ 19,393 \end{array} $	32,463 36,839 40,003 41,257 38,462	195,746 212,488 248,751 306,426 341,106	464,993 527,500 549,927 645,662 715,118

<sup>(</sup>a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the tables following, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

(b) Subject to revision.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES-AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establish- ments.	Hands Em- ployed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used,	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£.
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260.578.903		451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287.243.412	196 488 024	498 779 141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203 416 610	500 419 977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221 295 153	553 253 317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367.157.852	257 914 349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316 439 028	773 058 071
1942-43	26,414		203,866,843		472,720,078	352,002,056	850,348,656
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<sup>(</sup>a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
		194	0-41.				
Factories . No. 2. Hands employed $(a)$	$ \begin{vmatrix} 9,919 \\ 265,751 \\ 57,759,532 \\ 9,620,123 \\ 161,252,339 \end{vmatrix} $	237,636	1.655.937		22,734 4,720,563 1,309,748	1,002 15,839 3,059,702 597,429 6,978,129	27,300 650,073 137,919,068 19,722,707 367,157,852
7. ,, production £ 7. ,, output of fact's. £ 8. ,, land & buildings £ 9. ,, plant & mehnry. £	115,044,388 285,916,850 61,886,528 68,533,346	209,348,845 47,092,751	70,236,464	11.480.505	21,824,974 6,802,488	13,867,446 4,237,169	$\begin{array}{c} 257,914,349 \\ 644,794,908 \\ 144,093,656 \\ 161,356,234 \end{array}$
		194	1-42.				
1. Factories No. 2. Hands employed $(a)$ , , 3. Wages paid $(b)$ £ 4. Value of fuel used . £ 5. ,, materials used £	10,166 298,245 75,757,656 11,228,813 189,469,148	258,400 64,363,277	1,915,087 49,384,624	65,252 16,234,164 2,066,010 33,264,628	23,980 5,499,568 1,399,228 12,452,275	17,556 3,720,779 705,746 8,390,918	725,342 180,052,212 23,459,463 433,160,480
6. , production . £ 7. , output of fact's. £ 8. , land & buildings £ 9. , plant & mchnry. £	339,488,312 65,015,509	110,937,614 257,281,080 50,091,565 48,065,805	76,130,050 13,082,394	16,665,829	10,100,531 23,952,034 7,093,250 7,309,560	16,311,002 4,384,553	316,439,028 773,058,971 156,333,100 169,179,792
		. 19	942-43.				
1. Factories No. 2. Hands employed $(a)$ ., 3. Wages paid $(b)$ . $\pounds$ 4. Value of fuel used . $\pounds$ 5. , materials used $\pounds$	10,110 315,524 88,900,826 12,307,663 207,599,130	262,358 73,035,253	2,105,774	72,748 19,243,290	25,813 6,477,113 1,437,624	18,310 4,472,816 791,713	759,045 208,866,843
6. ,, production . £ 7. ,, output of fact's. £ 8. ,, land & buildings £ 9. ,, plant & mehnry. £	373,489,055 72,622,902		86,213,475 13,159,140	67,568,707	6,770,121	18,703,930 4,926,195	352,002,056 850,348,656 167,593,947 176,965,326

## (a) Average over whole ye working proprietors.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.(a)
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine				
and Quarry Products	5,167,331	5,733,723	5,846,992	5,043,168
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c.	5,544,215	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,841,965
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints,			24 020 024	00 111 885
Oils and Grease	14,154,787	18,395,727	24,828,034	29,111,775
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple-		0 = 0 10 010	110 079 099	140 000 000
ments and Conveyances	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922 1,315,010	148,220,089
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate	1,034,742	1,274,021		931,516 21,812,445
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods	14,070,938	17,936,299		5,473,293
VII. Skins and Leather	3,807,146	4,465,300	23,634,446	23,181,403
VIII. Clothing	17,458,783	19,638,286		56,842,302
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	45,436,266	48,516,665		13,427,479
X. Woodworking and Basketware	10,080,889	11,371,496		4,061,659
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c	4,183,018	4,648,226	4,000,400	4,001,000
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-	15,358,198	16,237,985	17,080,273	17,238,875
binding, &c				
XIII. Rubber	3,089,764			
XIV. Musical Instruments	141,324			
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,432,047	11,580,892		13,344,520
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	12,214,334	11,000,002	12,000,101	10,011,020
Total	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,439,028	352,002,056

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a)	% 23.80	% 26.31	% 19.41	% 28.48	% 24.22	% 23.91	% ~ ~ ~
Wages(a) Fuel and Light	3.27	2.38	2.44	3.65	5.38	4.23	24.56 3.83
Materials used	55.58	53.89	63.87	54.38	51.78	52.59	55.59
Margin for profits and miscellaneous							39.00
expenses and charges	17.35	17.42	14.28	13.49	18.62	19.27	16.02
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Pro-							
duction	57.85	60.17	57.63	67.87	56.55	55.39	59.34

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per $\operatorname{Employee}_{\cdot}(a)$

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	3
1939-40-Males	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41-Males	265.35	260.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941–42—Males	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43Males	344.72	344.06	308.40	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

# MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1942-43.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males Females Masculinity $(a)$	 223,669 91,855 244	175,341 87,017 202	50,324 13,967 360	52,793 19,955 265	19,501 6,312 309	13,941 4,369 319	535,569 223,475 240

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

# Section III.—Shipping and Commerce. SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.		Te	onnage Entere	od.	T	onnage Cleare	d.
		With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1936-37		5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38		5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39		5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713
1939-40		5,609,482	856,183	6,465,665	5,533,670	1,076,291	6,609,961
1940-41		4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	-5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941-42(a)		4,657,455	533,031	5,190,486	4,496,127	1,103,876	5,600,003
1941-42(a)	• •	4,007,400	555,051	3,190,480	4,490,127	1,103,870	5,000,0

(a) Incomplete, excludes vessels carrying war material only.

# OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States. (,000 omitted.)

Note.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

			Disch	arged.			Ship	ped.	
		Inter	state.	Ove	rsea.	Inter	state.	Ove	rsea.
State or Territory	7.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons—Weight.	Tons— Measure ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
				1941-4	2.				
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Total (a)		2,926 2,676 323 1,108 232 316 1 7,582	699 394 301 263 180 269 45 2,151	1,357 1,030 371 373 538 51 30	749 813 63 85 38 7 2 1,757	3,694 726 461 2,614 53 551  8,099	654 360 227 183 91 387 2	1,090 430 389 544 376 29  2,858	559 516 65 56 94 10 
Total 1940-41 ,, 1939-40 ,, 1938-39 ,, 1937-38		7,556 7,031 7,074 6,909	2,330 2,339 2,003 2,114	2,958 3,721 4,208 4,366	1,772 2,495 2,191 2,280	7,999 7,141 7,221 7,032	1,966 2,078 1,731 1,877	4,037 4,781 5,138 5,731	1,250 963 1,093 1,088

<sup>(</sup>a) Incomplete. Excludes cargo on vessels carrying war materials only, details of which are not available.

# OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

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FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS -
                                                                           5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.)
                            Butter (Refrigerator)
Cheese (Refrigerator)
                                                            .. . 1½d. per lb. . . . 168s. per ton measurement.
     Eggs (in shell)
    Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)-
                                                          s ... ...
                                                                          11d. per lb.
                                                Reef
                                                                          1<sup>3</sup>d. ,, ,, 1<sup>1</sup>dd. ,, ,,
         Lamb
         Mutton .. Rabbits and Hares ..
Rabbits and Hares
Preserved in tius
Sansage Casings (dried, in casks or cases)
Milk and Cream (condensed)
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—
*Sugar (Raw)
   Jams ..
    Jellies
   Dried Fruits
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator)
Vheat, Unprepared, Parcels
*Barley, Unprepared
*Oats, Unprepared
*Maize, Unprepared
*Flour, Wheaten
                     ..
                                        ..
   *Pollard
   *Rice (clean, husked)
                                                  ..
                                                                           155s.
                               ..
                                                                      .. 107s. per ton measurement.
ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS.
                                                                         ..
     Wool—Greasy ...
Tops ...
                           ::
                                                                    .. 1 1 d. per lk
                                                            ...
Wool—Greasy
Tops
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—
Compressed Fodder
*Bark, Tanning
Copra
Sandalwood
Raw Cotton (in bales)
                                                         .. 107s. per ton measurement.
.. 107s. per ton weight.
.. 104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
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                                                                     .. 1½d. per lb.
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# Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st December, 1944—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MA	STITE A CONT	man Erni	a Tild			
Apparel and Attire						107
Binder Twine	::	••		• •		107s. per ton measurement.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES-				• •		187s, per ton weight.
Oils, Eucalyptus						107
Other	••	••		• •		107s. per ton measurement.
Tallow, Unrefined	••			••		120s. 3d. per ton weight.
PAINTS AND VARNISHES					• •	120s. 3d. ,, ,, ,,
ORES AND METALS, UNMANU	FACTITEET	OR PAR	DI.V MANI	TEACMITE		107s. per ton measurement.
Ore (in casks)				DEACTOR		126s. per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon	::	• • •		••		56s weight.
*Other than above		::	••	••		81s, ,,
Dust (in cases)			••	••		9599
Sheet (in cases)	::		••	••	• • •	1100
*Copper				••	•••	000
&T cod	••				• •	81s, ,,
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft						1110 ", ", ",
* ,, (over 20 an	dun to 9	oft \				127s, ,, ,,
Tin Clippings in Ingot for	•••	••		••		94s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND	MANTER	A COULTD THE		ANTO G		36s. 6d. ,, ,, ,,
STITUTES THEREFOR—	BLANUE	AUTURES	THEREOF	, AND S	OB-	
Rubber.,						062 63 202 4-2
Touther	••		••			96s. 6d. per ton measurement.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTI	TRED	••				234s. 3d. per ton weight.
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft						40s. per 100 super, feet.
,, over 40 and			· ha			
,, over 50 and	dup to 6	Oft long	dis		• •	43s. ,, ,, ,,
						46s. 3d. ,, ,,
Sawn, Undressed EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CH	1, up 10 c	OT LCC	uns			23s. 6d. ,, ,,
Cmimrosymper	INA AND	GLASS		••		107s. per ton measuren ent.
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FER		••				107s. ,, ,, ,,
Dontilinoss	LILIZERS-					107
MISCELLANEOUS-	••		••	• •		107s. ,, ,, ,,
Cons						107-
CI1-	••			• •		107s. ,, ,, ,,
Commerce	••	• •			• •	168s. 3d. ,, ,, ,,
SPECIE	• •		••		• •	25s. per cent.

# INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st December, 1944.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement: 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

			Fre	om—		
To.	Bris	bane.	Syd	lney.	Melb	ourne.
	Direct.	Trans- shipped.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane Sydney Melbourne Adelaide Fremantle Hobart Launceston, Devonport, Burnic	31 0.6 40 6.0 51 3.6 62 4.8 50 8.4	8. d.  72 4.8 65 6.0 51 2.4	s. d. 31 0.6 29 8.4 40 6.0 55 10.8 28 7.2 28 7.2	8. d.	8. d. 40 6.0 29 8.4 29 8.4 49 4.8 28 7.2 26 0.0	8. d.
Auckiand Wellington Lyttleton Dunedin		 :: ::	46 6.0 47 6.0 46 6.0 46 6.0	83 0.0 83 0.0	46 6.0 47 6.0 46 6.0 46 6.0	83 8.0 84 8.0 83 8.0 83 8.0
New Hebrides			81 0.0 67 6.0 81 0.0	•••	101 3.0	116 9.0 103 3.0

Note.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges:—30 per cent. in respect of Freuantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 38s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

#### COMMERCE-VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.-MERCHANDISE.

#### IMPORTS.

#### (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or	Terri	itory.		1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943 44.
New South Wales				£stg. 51,448,678	£stg. 46,032,964	£stg. 54,150,437	£Stg. 84,980,736	£stg. 98,858,220
Wistonia	•	•••		41,908,342	45,529,833	59,054,017	109,471,254	89,214,923
Onconsland	• •		• • •	8,755,948				
Claudh Amahmalia	• •				6,338,886	7,058,810	7,548,542	12,755,603
				6,717,606	5,461,204	7,459,831	5,858,877	4,745,847
Western Australia				5,511,107	4,258,954	4,556,526	3,238,019	3,408,087
Tasmania				1,272,133	943,521	842,472	1.009,273	1.046,241
Northern Territory				61,691	84,694	139,889		
Estimated unrecord	ed					16,093,815		
Total				115,675,505	108,650,056	149,355,797	212,106,701	210,028,921

## EXPORTS.(a)

#### (Australian Currency Values.)

State or	Terri	tory.	1939 40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
			£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
			 53,003,739	49,622,072	55,556,813	54,258,522	54,079,117
Victoria		4	 36,431,975	36,652,733	42,622,218	34,549,851	36,546,893
Queensland			 32,195,195	25,245,247	21,296,300	18,623,507	17,889,204
South Australia .			 15,087,279	13,196,561	14.383,781	9,423,375	15,585,236
Western Australia			 9,592,321	8,436,435	10,938,963	5,312,301	11,422,675
Tasmania			2,426,235	1,559,664	1,872,469	884.879	1,148,759
Northern Territory			12,814	24,865	13,314		
Estimated unrecord	ed ·		 	1	12,644,640	2,500,000	10,000,000
Total (b)			148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498	125,552,435	146,671,884

<sup>(</sup>a) Goods destined for oversea countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transhipment to the oversea country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

(b) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

# EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

#### (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

				Exports.(a	()				Val	ue j	oer	He	ad o	of I	?op	ulat	ior	١.		
Year.	Total	Imports.		-											Ex	port	s.			
i car.	Trade.	imports.	Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.		rad		In	por	ts.		ust			oduc		r	ota	1.
	0.4					£	8.				d.		8.		£	8,	d.	£	8.	d.
1000 10	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.		stg			stg.			stg			stg.			stg	
	234,437,627		117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122		10			10			15	3	0	4	8		19	6
	216,224,968	108.650,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,912	30	11	10	15	7	5	15	0	0	0	4	5	15	4	5
	276,564,178		125,714,550	1,493,831		38	15	0	20	18	6	17	12	3	0	4	3	17	16	6
1942-43	312,348,165	212,106,701		2,160,276	100,241,464	43	4	1	29	6	9	13	11	4	0	6	0	13	17	4
1943-44	327,132,221	210,028,921	113,787,208	3,316,092	117,103,300	44	15	5	28	14	11	15	11	5	0	9	1	16	0	6
1944-45 (Six		auelie.																10	Ů	·
	151,758,740	90,957,079	59,161,442	1,640,219	60,801,661															

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983; 1942-43, £6,016,334; 1943-44, £8,478,714.

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the December quarters of 1943 and 1944, the Six months ended December 1943 and 1944, and the financial years 1942-43 and 1943-44.

The latest	Decembe	er Quarter.	Six mon Dece	ths ended ember.	Financi	ial Year.
Division.	1943.	1944.	1943.	1944.	1942-43.	1943-44
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A,
1. Ale, Spirits, and Bev-						
erages	72,854	120,972	255,132	256,459	751,662	469,314
tures thereof	1,390,932 32	1,442,289	2,875,889 64	3,009,496	6,754,187 195	5,644,023
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries 5. Textiles, &c., and Attire 6. Metals and Machinery. 7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes 8. Earthenware, &c. 9. Drugs and Chemicals 10. Wood, Wicker and Cane 11. Jewellery and Fancy	165,451 252,020 327,722 1,910,072 51,898 39,152 39,844	187,824 230,747 221,763 2,042,224 32,914 38,339 54,614	356,491 542,163 673,599 3,611,450 85,390 79,274 94,211	386,526 504,298 454,578 4,156,757 71,000 90,843 108,755	778,099 1,354,856 1,257,692 6,201,418 130,583 235,108 100,540	614,036 1,008,432 1,265,365 7,604,181 134,451 152,894 174,738
Goods  12. Leather and Rubber  13. Paper and Stationery  14. Vehicles  15. Musical Instruments  16. Miscellaneous  Primage  Ships' Stores  Other Miscellaneous	83,104 81,782 28,562 6,973 62 126,322 632,319 7,488	73,736 77,724 16,127 4,157 122 93,330 503,491 9,621	158,389 141,478 62,641 22,947 69 285,523 1,292,076 19,623	178,029 148,574 35,800 12,770 267 248,667 1,195,816 18,447	330,002 228,710 57,204 132,239 1,332 697,109 2,409,068 35,231	329,755 275,860 90,768 38,732 376 535,524 2,476,838 33,826
Receipts Special War Duty	31,497 207,819	30,017 156,334	56,202 447,838	61,922 371,218	117,577 975,489	116,420 824,588
Total Customs	5,455,905	5,336,345	11,060,449	11,310,223	22,548,301	21,790,194
EXCISE.						
Beer Carbonic Acid Gas Cigarette Papers Matches Petrol Playing Cards Spirits Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	5,972,278 82,930 226,545 316,848 106,764 11,873 1,236,712 4,177,056	5,987,136 88,950 200,167 286,223 73,724 10,021 1,375,401 4,285,209	10,687,249 150,656 441,874 661,300 225,707 23,268 2,741,202 8,674,757	10,900,780 156,245 419,817 605,190 144,045 23,755 2,790,532 8,355,068	19,632,696 339,336 850,381 1,141,634 403,214 39,549 4,629,199 17,030,758	21,615,974 313,930 876,630 1,199,508 370,956 44,381 5,424,690 17,189,269
Other Excise, including Licences, &c	77,333	68,426	117,711	123,954	274,343	246,615
Total Excise	12,208,339	12,375,257	23,723,724	23,519,386	44,341,110	47,281,953
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	17,664,244	17,711,602	34,784,173	34,829,609	66,889,411	69,072,147
Refunds and Drawback paid	351,246	399,098	746,326	816,859	2,028,320	1,781,755
TOTAL NET REVENUE	17,312,998	17,312,504	34,037,847	34,012,750	64,861,091	67,290,392

# VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE, IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs. (Subject to revision).

IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.				December	Quarter.	Six mo	onths.
Article.				1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
Class I.—Foodstuffs of Ar	NIMAL	Origin.		£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£Stg.
Fish— Preserved in Tins Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &	 zc.	•••		122 21	5 27	263 41	311 47
Meats— Preserved in Tins Potted and Concentrated Sausage Casings				1 5 2	8 1 26	1 19 9	14 2 39
Milk and Cream	 			ī	7	3	1 14
Total, Class I.				152	74	338	428
Class II.—Foodstuffs of Cocoa and Chocolate	Veget.	ABLE OR	IGIN.	25	139	213	413
				72	53 1	127	215 1 1
Ginger Grain and Pulse—	•				7	1	7
Prepared Infants' and Invalids' Foods	 s	••		45 1 10 8	41 3 5 10	110 1 17 13	95 7 9 13
Nuts, Edible Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Spices	 Rape 			27 4 12	76 40 55	30 37 34	98 75 78
Sugar and Sugar Products Tea Other Vegetable Foodstuffs				928 13	5 1,187 21	2,059 36	1,970 32
Total, Class II.	••			1,150	1,644	2,688	3,021
					(		
Class III.—Spirituous Liq Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Per						3	
Spirits (Beverages)— Gin Whisky	••			2 13	55	6 26	220
Other, including Liqueurs Wine—Fermented	 	:. ::	•••		3	1	3
Total, Class III.	•			15	58	36	223

Value of Principal Articles, etc.—Imports (Merchandise)—continued.

Articl	e.			Decembe	r Quarter.	Six M	onths.
				1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO. Tobacco—				£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Manufactured Unmanufactured	• •			16 1,711	1,098	32 2,898	$\frac{7}{2,046}$
Cigarettes					1	13	1
Total, Class IV.				1,727	1,106	2,943	2,054
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS				7	19	15	31
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTA	MARC	••				10	31
Gelatine and Glue of all k				5	12	16	18
Hair and Fibre				4	37	24	98
Hides and Skins—							00
Calf, Cattle and Horse				41	61	101	93
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	• •					2	
Silk Raw		• •		51	10 35	108	57
Wool				13	3	40	35 55
Other Animal Substances				4	2	8	5
Total, Class VI.				118	160	299	361
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SU		CES.					
Copra		••		215	68	351	92
Cork and Cork Manufactur Fibres—	res			14	26	24	54
Cotton, raw				246	359	443	709
Flax, Hemp, &c.				19	23	93	116
Kapok Other					25	1.	36
Grass or Straw for Ha	tmal.	 Tuni		132	88	206	239
Mats, &c		ing, rurt	nture,	17	1	17	26
Gums and Resins				161	172	303	277
Pulp for Paper-making Seeds—				243	141	333	540
Gardening and Horticul	tural			44	53	90	70
Linseed Other				321	347	463	604
Other Tanning Substances	•	•		132	82	178	128
Other Vegetable Substance	28			51	92	149	180
Total, Class VII.				1,596	1,477	2,653	3,074
			-			-,	
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL		TTIRE.					
Boots and Shoes				2	6	5	16
Buttons Hats and Caps	• •	••		13	4	29	9
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &	Re. (no	t knitted	.:.	6	4	7	22 2
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &	&c. (ki	nitted)		1		1	1
Socks and Stockings						8	1
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	• •				19		39
Trimmings and Ornaments Other Apparel and Attire		••		117	55	210	164
omer apparer and Attire	••	•		280	127	411	192
Total, Class VIII.	(a)			419	215	671	446

### SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

## VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.			December	Quarter.	Six Mo	onths.
111 01010.			1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
			£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.			'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Floor Coverings	•		1	5	2	5
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotte Piece Goods—	on or l	Linen	50	24	14 119	47
Canvas and Duck			1,098	339	2,103	679
Cotton and Linen			3,620	5,886	6,462	9,309
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods			1,455	271	1,842	753
			1	3	6	7
Silk, including Artificial Silk			972	1,388	2,256	3,168
	• •		2	6	7	11
Woollens	• •		100	110	166	202
Other	• •		238	371	583 96	647
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	• •		30	14	337	401
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	• •		134	154 56	117	153
Towels and Towelling Other Textiles	• •	• • •	634	46	1,338	113
Other Textiles			004		1,000	
Total, Class VIII. (b)	•		8,412	8,673	15,448	15,674
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED F YARNS.	IBRES	AND				12.00
Bags and Sacks—						0.1-
Bran, Chaff and Fodder			73	111	159	217
Corn and Flour		• •	300	774	1,038	1,499
Woolpacks			374	237	622	771
Other			21	20	77	30
Cordage and Twines Yarns—		••	500	27	634	85
Artificial Silk			240	248	646	614
Cotton			125	309	339	667
Wool				2	5	20
Other			4	18	18	31
Total, Class VIII. (c)			1,637	1,746	3,538	3,934
Total, Class VIII			10,468	10,634	19,657	20,054
CLASS IXOILS, FATS AND WAXES.				i e		
Fats and Waxes, &c			46	89	124	163
Oils			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Crass V Dayyes and Vanyares						
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES. Paints and Colours			90	94	249	227
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	• •	• • •	1	1	3	227
varinsnes, Stants, Lacquers, &c.	• •	• • •	1	1		
Total, Class X		·	91	95	252	229
				-		
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.						
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch			12	68	149	137
Stones—						
Abrasives	• •		87	35	187	92
Other	• •		3	4	10	5
Other Minerals, &c	••	••	303	137	509	436

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.			December	Quarter.	Six Mo	onths.
			1943.	1944.	1943–44.	1944-45
Class XII.— $(a)$ Machines and Mach	HINERY		£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—						
Batteries and Accumulators .			15	13	18	4
Cable and Wire, covered			446	181	586	41
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Lamps, Filament Telegraph, Telephone Instruments,	Sr.o.		144	$\frac{20}{226}$	24 335	4
011		• •	522	574	1,122	1 27
Machinery—	•		022	3/1	1,122	1,37
A . I. 1 TT 1. 1 0			45	19	97	6
			37	14	56	6
7a./r: . ` ` ` `			43	31	101	10
D: 1			7	5	16	-
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings .			77	128	294	28
Machines—						
			35	71	91	10
1			8	10	22	2
			7	9	13	2
Yarn and Textile-making machinery.			72	74	160	14
Other Machines and Machinery .			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (a)			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Class XII.— $(b)$ Metals and Manufa	ACTURES	s.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers .			12	31	22	4
Leaf and Foil			8	19	23	3
Iron and Steel—						
			100	01	005	10
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Pipes and Tubes		::	122 36	61 24	335 92	
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet—		••	36	24	92	16 6
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain			36 137	109	92 271	31
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned			36	24	92	31 1,95
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails	 		36 137 1,078	109 1,221	92 271 2,120	31 1,95
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	  		36 137 1,078 12	109 1,221 14 11 3	92 271 2,120 22	31 1,95 2
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		36 137 1,078 12 12 	109 1,221 14 11 3 23	92 271 2,120 22	31 1,95 2 3
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware			36 137 1,078 12 12  19 25	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64	31 1,95 2 3 3 5
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery			36 137 1,078 12 12 12  19 25 83	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238	31 1,95 2 3 3 5 10 26
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade			36 137 1,078 12 12  19 25 83 284	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600	31 1,95 2 3 5 10 26
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts			36 137 1,078 12 12 12  19 25 83	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238	31 1,95 2 3 5 10 26 75
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.—			36 137 1,078 12 12  19 25 83 284 62	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123	6
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts			36 137 1,078 12 12 1. 19 25 83 284 62	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353 133	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36	31 1,95 2 3 5 10 26 75 23
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.			36 137 1,078 12 12 12  19 25 83 284 62 5 185	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353 133	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36 382	31 1,95 2 3 5 10 26 75 23
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.			36 137 1,078 12 12 1. 19 25 83 284 62	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353 133	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36	31 1,95 2 3 5 10 26 75 23
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned  Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. Other  Total, Class XII. (b)			36 137 1,078 12 12 19 25 83 284 62 5 185 (a) (a)	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353 133	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36 382	31 1,95 2 3 5 10 26 75 23
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. Other			36 137 1,078 12 12  19 25 83 284 62 5 185 (a)	24 109 1,221 14 11 3 23 32 93 353 133  120 (a)	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36 382 (a)	31 1,95 2 3 3 5 10 26 75 23  26 (a)
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. Other  Total, Class XII. (b) Total, Class XII.			36 137 1,078 12 12 19 25 83 284 62 5 185 (a) (a)	24  109 1,221 14 11 3 23 93 353 133 120 (a) (a)	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36 382 (a)	31 1,95 2 3 3 5 10 26 75 23  26 (a)
Pipes and Tubes Plate and Sheet— Plain Tinned Nails Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. Wire Lamps and Lampware Platedware and Cutlery Tools of Trade Cycles and Cycle Parts Motor Cars, &c.— Bodies and Parts Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. Other  Total, Class XII. (b)			36 137 1,078 12 12 19 25 83 284 62 5 185 (a) (a)	24  109 1,221 14 11 3 23 93 353 133 120 (a) (a)	92 271 2,120 22 32  33 64 238 600 123 36 382 (a)	5 10 26 75 23  26 (a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.		December	Quarter.	Six Mo	onths.
Airtiolo.		1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC. Leather		£ Stg. '000. 6 3	£ Stg. '000. 5 3	£ Stg. '000. 15 8	£ Stg. '000. 16
Total, Class XIII. (b)		9	8	23	23
Total, Class XIII.		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER. Timber— Dressed		5	26	10	73
Undressed Wood and Wicker Manufactures, in	cluding	107 16	217	239	423 54
Furniture	••				
Total, Class XIV	•	128	273	299	550
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS. Crockery and Household Ware Glass and Glassware Other Earthenware, Cements, China and	Stone-	75 69	140 76	165 142	276 182
ware	••		22	74	44
Total, Class XV		173	238	381	502
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.  Millboards and other boards Parchment Printing Wrapping Writing and Typewriting Other	::	41 62 242 87 186 106	45 12 359 33 167 156	104 80 374 150 359 243	77 17 973 104 464 321
Total, Class XVI. (a)		724	772	1,310	1,956
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC. Books (printed), Directories, &c. Price Lists, Circulars, &c. Pens and Pencils Other Stationery	  	306 3 . 35 82	323 3 38 86	622 6 80 181	808 5 92 184
Total, Class XVI. (b)		426	450	889	1,089
Total, Class XVI		1,150	1,222	2,199	3,045
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC. Fancy Goods— Articles for games Toys, &c		1 1 23 45 3	9 9 18 	11 1 43 106 5	17 11 39
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c		62	48	1118	176
Total, Class XVII		135	85	284	244

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.			December	Quarter.	Six Mo	onths.
			1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AT	ND SCIE	NTIFIC	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Instruments.			'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Films for Cinematographs, &c.			124	81	222	24
Optical and Meteorological Instrun	nents, &	te	55	105	131	21
Surgical and Dental Instruments			168	162	338	31
Phonographs, &c			2	5	15	
Other Instruments	••		58	58	109	12
Total, Class XVIII.			407	411	815	90
CLASS XIX.—Drugs, Chemicals and Acids	FERTH	LIZERS.	22	0		
				9	55	3
Argol			10	2	10	, ,
Cyanides of Potassium Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Proprietary Medicines			86	58	212	16
Other			75	108	164	28
Other Dyes			159	116	437	31
73 / 11*			200	460	448	77
Insecticides, Washes and Dips			44	40	65	7
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)			56	54	105	THE PARTY OF REAL PROPERTY.
Perfumery and Preparations		• •	24	24	54	8
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &			(a) 2-E	(a)	(a)	
G 1			5	3	10	(a)
Salt	••		9		10	
Carbonate (Soda Ash)			(a)	(a)	(a)	(-)
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)			(a) (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Spirituous Preparations—	•••		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavo		Tuices,				
Sympo			40	2	64	
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			1	4	4	2
Sulphur (Brimstone)		::	(a)	(a) ±	(a) ±	(a) 2
Other Drugs and Chemicals			441	266	828	59
Total, Class XIX.			1,357	1,317	3,056	2,82
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.						
Articles of Celluloid, &c			1	7	80	2
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c			î	2	2	
Brushware			3	4	6	
Goods imported per parcel post			94	129	226	28
Musical Instruments, &c			1	1	2	
Oilmen's Stores			1	72	3	7
Outside Packages			1,034	642	2,107	1,50
Passengers' Effects			31	54	49	2,00
Packings for Engines			37	71	90	13
Soap			3	7	7	1
All other Articles			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Grand Total—Merchandise			59,111	43,756	117,488	90,95
ESTIMATED AU	STRALIA	AN CUR	RENCY VA	ALUES.	1	I .
			£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
			'000.	'000.	,000.	'000.
Grand Total-MERCHANDISE						113,92
Grand Total—Merchandise	••		74,036	54,805	147,154	

## EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article				December	Quarter.	arter. Six Months.	
Attion				1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF A	Anima	L ORIGIN.		£A. '000. 2,712	£A. '000. 3,248	£A. '000. 2,921	£A. '000. 3,578
Butter Fat (dry)				5	11	26	11
Butter Substitutes				193	231	349	573
Cheese				609	495	1,069	1,099
Eggs				133	82	140	99
Meats—							
Bacon and Hams				90	101	255	258
Mutton, Dehydrated				216	179	386	360
Potted or Concentrated				15	48	95	74
Preserved by Cold Proce	ess —						
Beef		•	• •	128	188	804	702
$\begin{array}{cccc} \operatorname{Lamb} & \ldots & \\ \operatorname{Mutton} & \ldots & \end{array}$		• •		1,959	1,967	2,489	2,058
D 1	•••			86	135	135	228
Rabbits and Hares	••	•		104	. 280	124	917
Preserved in Tins		•	• •	$\begin{array}{c c} 23 \\ 747 \end{array}$	1.025	31	65
Sausage Casings				120	1,025 113	1,877 196	1,937
Other				148	211	282	315
Milk and Cream				513	507	770	730
Other Animal Foodstuffs				105	116	213	338
Total, Class I.				7,906	8,944	12,162	13,529
Fruit Juices, &c.			cory,	95	105	253	182
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits		••		95 116 171 17	105 83 81 7	253 339 335 47	150 $143$
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits	•••			116 171 17	83 81 7	339 335 47	150 143 35
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245	83 81 7	339 335 47 440	150 143 35 420
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits Confectionery Fodders Fruits, Dried— Currants Raisins				116 171 17 245 607	83 81 7 48 195	339 335 47 440 1,616	150 143 35 420 1,498
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits Confectionery Fodders Fruits, Dried— Currants Raisins Other				116 171 17 245	83 81 7	339 335 47 440	150 143 35 420 1,498
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33	83 81 7 48 195 18	339 335 47 440 1,616 73	150 143 35 420 1,498 29
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33	83 81 7 48 195 18	339 335 47 440 1,616 73	150 143 35 420 1,498 29
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33	83 81 7 48 195 18	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124	83 81 7 48 195 18	339 335 47 440 1,616 73	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits	     ped			116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits	    ped			116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits Confectionery Fodders Fruits, Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fruits, Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Fruits, preserved in liquid Fruits and Vegetables, pul Grain and Pulse— Unprepared— Barley Wheat Other	     ped			116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28	182 150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits	    ped			116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13  1,690	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits	    ped			116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits	    ped			116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152 666 4,713
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850 139	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720 220	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152 66 4,713 233
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits Confectionery Fodders Fruits, Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fruits, Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Fruits, preserved in liquid Fruits and Vegetables, pul Grain and Pulse— Unprepared— Barley Wheat Other Prepared— Prepared— Prepared— Bran, Pollard and Sha Flour (Wheaten) Rice Other Infants' and Invalids' Foo				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850 139	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720 220 210	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152 66 4,713 233 256
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850 139 137 33	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720 220 210 3	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152 66 4,713 233 256 66
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7 19 1,540 90 114	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850 139	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720 220 210	150 143 35 420 1,498 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152 66 4,713 233 256 66 474
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7 19 1,540 90 114 1 86	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850 139 137 33 210	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720 220 210 3 214	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 23 172 23 57 8,687 152 66 4,713 233 256 66 47 44
Fruit Juices, &c. Biscuits				116 171 17 245 607 33 7 124 1 132 13 1,690 7 19 1,540 90 114 1 86 579	83 81 7 48 195 18 2 77 1 121 14 39 3,545 104 25 2,850 139 137 33 210 298	339 335 47 440 1,616 73 20 227 7 318 28 31 2,103 16 44 2,720 220 210 214 769	150 143 35 420 1,498 29 10 172 3 172 23 57 8,687 152 66 4,713 233 256 66

Value of Principal Articles, etc.—Exports (Merchandise)—continued.

Article				Decembe	r Quarter.	Six Months.		
				1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45	
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LI Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, P Spirits (Beverages) Wine		••		£A. '000. 99 178 143	£A. '000. 108 90 149	£A. '000. 200 314 239	£A. '000. 281 316 283	
Total, Class III.	••		1.	420	347	753	880	
Class IV.—Tobacco.								
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snu Tobacco	ff 			129 186	45 132	208 313	82 205	
Total, Class IV.		••		315	177	521	287	
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS, Cattle Horses		•••			6	1	17	
Sheep Other Animals		•••		16 2 1	$\frac{1}{10}$	16 2 1	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 2 \\ 14 \end{array}$	
Total, Class V.				19	17	20	35	
CLASS VI.—Animal Substa Gelatine and Glue of all ki Hides and Skins—				10	45	26	87	
Calf, Cattle and Horse Fox				60 37	59 9	$\frac{120}{267}$	107 71	
Kangaroo and Wallaby Opossum Rabbit			• • •	115	259 85	157 29	296 112	
Sheep Other	·· ··	••		1,065 343 37	$657 \\ 405 \\ 34$	3,208 855 52	2,735 815 71	
Pearl-shell Trochus-shell Wool—				4	7	7	14	
Greasy Scoured and Tops Other Animal Substances	••			7,558 2,466	7,406 2,556	16,941 5,307	13,926 5,204	
Total, Class VI.				$\frac{6}{11,717}$	9 11,531	26,981	12	
2.0001, 01000 7.11		•		11,717		20,981	23,450	
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SU	BSTANC							
Fibres Seeds		••	• •	323	217	427	351	
Tanning Substances Other Vegetable Substance	 .s			$\begin{bmatrix} 41\\12\\7 \end{bmatrix}$	39 14 15	91 25 18	103 26 38	
Total, Class VII.				383	285	561	<del></del>	

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.		December	Quarter.	Six Mo	onths.
Alticle.		1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS VIII.—Apparel and Attire; Te	EXTILES;	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
MANUFACTURED FIBRES.  Boots and Shoes		17 206	11 100	22 772	34 240
Piece Goods		54 32	590 165	99 50	692 413
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, and Yarns		266	79	513	144
Total, Class VIII.		575	945	1,456	1,523
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.		0.0	ee	75	116
Fats and Waxes		23 327 (a)	66 218 (a)	536 (a)	425 (a)
Total, Class IX		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES		32	24	58	51
CLASS XI.—Stones and Minerals.		58	53	108	102
Ores and Concentrates— Silver and Silver Lead Zinc		247 326	157 148	330 701	585 348
Other Other Stones and Minerals	••	(a) (a)	(a) (a)	(a) (a)	(a) (a)
Total, Class XI		757	513	1,383	1,356
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTU MACHINERY.	RES AND				
Machines and Machinery Iron and Steel		216 231	$\frac{252}{368}$	566 354	495 542
Lead—Pig and in Matte		820 (a) 176	1,288 (a) 80	1,625 (a) 222	3,008 (a) 157
Zine Bars, Blocks, &c		140 (a)	432 (a)	522 (a)	876 (a)
Total, Class XII		1,791	2,625	3,685	5,456
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER. Rubber and Manufactures		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Leather	•••	112	130 15	279 27	366
Total, Class XIII		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER. Timber		62	107	124	164
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, in Furniture	neluding	19	21	33	45
Total, Class XIV		81	128	157	209
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND WARE	STONE-	51	. 92	117	154

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.			Decemb	er Quarter.	Six M	onths.
			1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC. Paper Stationery			£A. '000. 27 93	£A. '000. 15 82	£A. '000. 47 158	£A. '000. 25
Total, Class XVI	••	1	120	97	205	266
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEI FANCY GOODS. Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, C Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	PIECES ameos,	AND &c.	4 81	1 33	7 87	2 39
Total, Class XVII.			85	34	94	41
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AN INSTRUMENTS.		NTIFIC				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. Photographic Goods, &c. Talking Machines, &c. Other Instruments			10 11 7 8	12 22 9 16	19 15 13 30	20 42 13 24
Total, Class XVIII.			36	59	77	99
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, TILIZERS.	AND	FER-	60			
Casein Fertilizers Medicines Oils—	 	·· ··	 5 68	1 3 41	1 10 109	1 5 82
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i. Eucalyptus Perfumery and Freparations Other Drugs and Chemicals			26 52 179	8 17 54 324	1 59 97 332	10 61 91 450
Total, Class XIX.			330	448	609	700
Class XX.—Miscellaneous.  Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Isl. Oilmen's Stores Personal and Household Effects Soap Goods Exported per parcel post All other Articles	ands   		6 97 16 69 8 (a)	4 279 24 37 6 (a)	11 227 29 128 10 (a)	10 375 42 147 12 (a)
Total, Class XX			(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
$\begin{array}{ll} {\rm Total} & \left\{ {\begin{array}{*{20}{c}} {\rm Australian\ Produce}} \\ {\rm Other\ Produce} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$			33,459 1,294	36,709 833	65,179 2,624	74,100 2,054
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE			34,753	37,542	67,803	76,154

## ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

GRAND TOTAL MERCHANDER	'000.	'000.	£ Stg.	'000.
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	27,747	29,974	54,134	60,802

# PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

					Meats.		
Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.	Preserved in Tins.
			Qua	NTITY.			
1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44 1944-45 (6 months)	Cental. 2,623,191 1,957,086 1,303,472 1,243,207 1,042,265 554,452	Cental. 430,557 339,078 314,573 259,643 329,748	Cental. 42,474 66,769 57,643 26,397 86,252	Cental. 2,852,421 1,986,250 1,172,565 226,289 474,470 278,506	Cental. 2,486,672 2,389,254 1,749,399 2,036,815 1,715,698 812,758	Cental. 522,028 748,896 342,404 19,970 160,172 242,136	Cental. 228,194 425,165 941,461 691,656 796,931 359,978
			LUE.—(AU	stralian C	URRENCY.)		
1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44	£A.'000. 15,895 11,973 8,125 8,086 6,871	£A.'000. 1,440 1,544 1,428 1,225 1,954	£A.'000. 275 440 395 206 628	£A.'000. 4,825 3,762 2,498 561 1,246	£A.'000. 6,082 6,142 4,671 5,496 4,644	£A.'000. 1,561 2,303 1,108 86 587	£A.'000. 914 1,874 4,550 3,238 4,093
(6 months)	3,575	1,099	258	702	2,286	917	1,937
	Fruits, 1	Dried.	Fruits Preserved			Wo	ol.
Year.	Vine.	Other.	in Liquid— Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Pine- apples, and other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Greasy.	Scoured.
			Qu2	ANTITY.			
1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44 1944-45 (6 months)	Cental. 1,142,218 1,431,725 1,434,660 1,298,535 1,680,747	Cental. 14,703 29,887 39,731 24,172 36,299 6,787	Cental. 791,069 444,978 499,131 134,464 211,688 61,222	Cental. 28,555,564 28,174,469 13,387,573 13,526,462 20,195,075 17,467,405	Cental. 13,686,055 15,438,107 8,273,681 6,834,379 11,810,882 8,013,649	Cental. 7,936,515 4,908,801 7,363,434 5,181,276 4,551,147 1,987,771	Cental. 779,869 603,459 927,842 516,692 702,954
		VALUE	-(Austra	LIAN CURRE	NCY.)		
1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44 1944-45 (6 months)	£A'000. 1,935 2,366 2,421 2,172 3,163 1,918	£A'000. 59 122 146 105 131	£A'000. 1,349 802 908 290 530	£A'000. 7,557 9,248 4,645 4,884 8,264	£A'000. 5,231 7,427 4,191 3,495 6,699 4,713	£A'000. 49,200 32,889 47,832 37,694 36,233 13,926	£A'000. 7,648 6,756 10,209 6,624 9,533 5,204

## Section IV .- Finance.

## (A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

### COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

#### Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1939–40.	1940-41.	1941–42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Taxation— Customs Excise Sales Tax Flour Tax Land Tax Income Tax (a) Pay-roll Tax Gold Tax Estate Duty Entertainments Tax Gift Duty	18,995 12,196 2,486 1,646 16,430  1,215 2,213	£'000. 29,410 24,370 19,793 1,499 3,191 43,305  1,452 2,364 	£'000. 25,209 31,572 26,830 1,652 3,691 77,564 8,963 1,030 2,845	£'000. 20,806 44,072 28,846 1,709 3,873 141,027 10,451 525 2,696 2,994 145	£'000. 20,607 46,685 27,909 1,940 3,819 183,799 10,903 318 2,761 4,704
Total Taxation	90,011	125,384	179,436	257,144	303,667
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS— Postmaster-General's Department Railways— Trans-Australian Central Australia	- 17	19,075 462 244	21,639 694 742	24,391 1,226 1,584	26,679 1,027 1,737
North Australia Australian Capital Territory	61 12	186	306 5	792 15	823 15
Total Railways	588	900	1,747	3,617	3,602
Total Business Undertakings	18,485	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281
TERRITORIES	415	507	492	447	482
OTHER REVENUE—  Interest (b)	1,150 181 167 11 16 62 36	1,186 753 304 138 14 57 32	997 868 835 185 114 55 25	1,081 2,589 1,490 401 14 58 23	1,166 2,028 202 770 24 67
Wool levy (c) Other Marine Net Profit, Note Issue Balance of Trust Accounts Other.	84 2 145 986	84 3 134 1,462 31 418	86 37 133 1,658 1,600 134	82 258 101 2,248 218 297	81 88 127 2,629 127 432
Total	3,003	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,758
Grand Total	111,914	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
PER Head $(d)$ — Taxation Business Undertakings Other.	£ s. d. 12 17 4 2 12 10 0 9 9	£ s. d. 17 14 9 2 16 6 0 14 7	£ s. d. 25 2 10 3 5 6 1 0 3	£ s. d. 35 14 5 3 17 10 1 5 10	£ s. d. 41 15 10 4 3 4 1 2 8
Total	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).
(c) For Publicity and Research.

<sup>(</sup>d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

#### Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund-Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
War and Repatriation (1914–19) Services— Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange War Pensions	£'000. 9,600 8,147 923 165	£'000. 9,569 8,042 845 147	£'000. 9,682 7,909 829 198	£'000. 9,384 8,346 850 141	£'000. 9,313 9,267 902 122
Total, War, &c	18,835	18,603	18,618	18,721	19,604
Defence and War (1939–44) Services— Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange War Pensions	573 24,311	2,640 63,041	7,112 207 101,915	15,119 662 143,697	24,762 1,787 141,344
Total, Defence, War, &c	24,884	65,681	109,234	159,478	167,843
Total Cost of Departments (a)— Governor-General Parliament Prime Minister and External Territories External Affairs Treasury Attorney-General Interior Civil Aviation Trade and Customs Health Commerce and Agriculture Social Services Supply and Shipping	31 450 1,510 118 2,485 276 1,257 4 1,033 289 954 178 217	30 548 1,283 142 2,425 2,97 963 392 963 2,96 911 162 2,29	31 473 1,350 200 2,949 319 955 337 956 300 976 282 241	29 487 1,384 216 3,564 351 917 350 872 386 1,022 393 246	32 599 1,623 251 3,779 387 881 360 816 379 1,034 412 275
Business Undertakings (a)— Postmaster-General Railways	15,286 1,472	15,877 1,508	17,528 1,995	19,939 2,726	22,481 3,069
Territories (a)— Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory	656 383 49 6 4	679 462 86 7 4	698 520 39 17 6	677 329 5 2 5	698 302 5 2 4
Total, Territories	1,098	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011
New Works (b)	3,036	3,212	3,305	3,961	4,677
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	16,459	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,699
Child Endowment			11,303	11,660	12,257
Widows' Pensions				2,359	2,801
Maternity Allowances	417	407	358	281	2,287
Funeral Benefit					105
Balance—National Welfare Fund					25,525
Payments to or for States— Interest on States' Debts Sinking Fund on States' Debts Special Grants Grants for Federal Aid Roads Income Tax Reimbursement Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Other Grants	7,585 1,536 2,020 4,456 	7,585 1,557 2,050 3,484 	7,585 1,580 2,300 2,128 	7,585 1,588 2,175 1,603 26,432 574 140	7,585 1,578 2,470 1,487 32,047 766
Total to or for States (c)	15,697	14,926	13,731	40,097	46,060
Relief to Primary Producers	2,509	3,023	4,063	(d) 1,709	(d) 1,941
Grand Total	108,985	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,188
Per head of Population (e)	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-44) Services. (c) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (d) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, and £12,322,000 during 1943-44. (e) Based on mean population for each financial year.

#### Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1939–40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	Total to 30th June. 1944.
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
General Services, Works, &c	28,814	101,581	210,877	402,852	377,157	1,121,281
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.— Defence Buildings, Works, Sites Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works Ships, Yards and Docks Lighthouses, Works and Services River Murray Waters Act Postmaster-General's Department— Telegraph and Telophone Construction Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. Subscription to Capital of Amalgamated Wireless Ltd. Radio Stations and Equipment Serum and Health Laboratories Other Health Buildings and Services Repatriation Buildings, &c. War Service Homes (a) Railways	Cr. 14 Cr. 1  1,733 120  30	1,689 221 3	Cr. 1  940 245  15 Cr. 1  Cr. 18	Cr. 1	Cr. 10	8,694 214 7,863 634 2,106 36,057 4,080 300 104 80 22 47 7,329 13,816
Territories $(b)$	Cr. 11	Cr. 4	Cr. 7	Cr. 5	Cr. 6	8,812 3,062
Assistance to States— Unemployment Relief Mining Forestry Farmers' Debt Adjustment Roads Wire and Wire Netting	Cr. 66	Cr. 45	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(e) 223	2,667 284 322 7,967 250 609
Drought Relief Wheat Bounty	::	1,270	597	Cr. 23		1,844 3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c	2,541	3,628	1,929	165	206	110,593
GRAND TOTAL	31,355	105,209	212,806	403,017	377,363	1,231,874

<sup>(</sup>a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.
(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.
(c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

## Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-44) at 31st December, 1944. (Excludes Conversion Loans.)

>			Amount Su	bscribed.		
Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	For War.	For other Purposes.	Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
1/12/39	£'000. 12,000	C'wlth. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 29/5/40 to 14/6/40 28/11/40 to 14/12/40	18,000 20,000 28,000	14,339 32,792 21,830	7,676 20,582 20,505	10,489 8,000	35, 35, 24, 31, 24, 31, 24, 31, 21, 31	1945, 1950–56 1945, 1950–56 1945, 1950–56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 7/10/41 to 15/11/41 17/2/42 to 10/3/42 2/6/42 to 23/6/42	35,000 30,000 35,000 35,000	57,217 83,378 244,589 196.513	27,871 34,159 48,331 37,374	8,000	$2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$	1946, 1950-56 1945-46, 1950-57 1945-46, 1950-58 1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 16/3/43 to 20/4/43 5/10/43 to 9/11/43	77,300 100,000 125,000	454,865 432,555 567,695	82,668 101,808 126,411		$2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$	1946–47, 1950–58 1947–48, 1950–59 1947–48, 1950–59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 26/9/44 to 31/10/44	150,000 112,479	452,579 (b)420,741	150,548 (b)113,930	::	$2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$ $2\frac{1}{2}, 3\frac{1}{4}$	1948-49, 1950-60 1948-49, 1950-60
Total	777,779	(b)2,979,093	(a)(b)773,863	36,489		

<sup>(</sup>a) In addition, £6,586,016 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes. (b) Approximate.

Note.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-44), as at 31st December, 1944, see following table.

### COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914–19)	160,667	90,744	l ` ′	251,411
War (1939-44)—				
Stock and Bonds	757,545	5,775		763,320
Advance Loan Subscrip-				
tions	6,466			6,466
National Savings Bonds	1,792			1,792
National Savings Stamps	86			86
Citizens' National Emer-				
gency Loans	5,985	347		6,332
War Savings Certificates	47,929			47,929
War Savings Stamps	445			445
Treasury Bills—Internal	51,396			51,396
Bank	367,280			367,280
Total	1,238,924	6,122		1,245,046
Works and other Purposes	35,031	64,112	15,791	114,934
Total—Commonwealth Pur-			• .	
poses	1,434,622	160,978	15,791	1,611,391
Per Head of Population(c)	£196 6 11	£22 0 7	£2 3 3	£220 10 9
State—				3220 10 0
Debts of the States	507,984	365,365	25,415	898.764
Per Head of Population(c)	£69 14 3	£50 2 9	£3 9 9	£123 6 9
Total Public Debt	1,942,606	526,343	41,206	2,510,155
Per Head of Population(c)	£265 17 4	£72 0 9	£5 12 10	£343 10 11

#### INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	$\pounds(a)$	$\mathfrak{L}(d)$
War (1914-19)	6,000,167	(e)426,008		6,426,175
War (1939-44)	30,601,788	231,000	••	30,832,788
Works and other Purposes	978,318	2,614,472	771,780	4,364,570
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	37,580,273	3,271,480	771,780	41,623,533
Average Rate per cent. (f)	£2 12 5	£4 0 6	£4 17 9	£2 14 4
State— Debts of the States	16,546,211	14,066,669	1,262,936	31,875,816
Average Rate per cent	£3 5 2	£3 17 0	£4 19 5	£3 10 11
Grand Total	54,126,484	17,338,149	2,034,716	73,499,349
Average Rate per cent.(f)	£2 15 9	£3 17 8	£4 18 9	£3 0 6

<sup>(</sup>a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th June, 1944.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,221) due to British Government.

(f) Interest Free Loans, War and National Savings Stamps excluded when calculating rate.

#### AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

				Rese	erve.
Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Amount.	Percentage on total circulation.
1940 (b) 1941 (b) 1942 (b) 1948 (b) 1944 (b)	£ 13,927,876 14,318,069 14,879,107 15,456,884 15,925,325	55,069,055 88,189,429 126,935,667	£ 58,872,330 69,387,124 103,068,536 142,392,551 187,836,180	£'000. 16,269 18,559 26,777 36,518 48,200	28.1 26.8 25.9 25.7 25.7
1944 (c)—July August September October November December	15,799,022 16,454,195 15,805,075 16,814,649 17,225,070 15,305,087	180,039,430 181,938,550 182,678,976 180,268,555	194,993,625 196,493,625 197,743,625 199,493,625 197,493,625 202,493,625	50,544 50,544 50,544 50,544 50,856 50,856	25.9 25.7 25.6 25.3 25.8 25.1

## COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

	Denomia	nation.	30th December, 1940.	29th December, 1941.	28th December, 1942.	27th December, 1943.	25th December, 1944.
10s. £1 £5 £10 £20 £50 £100 £1,000			£ 5,120,126 29,551,083 18,947,665 8,819,140 78,280 1,963,150 3,060,000 580,000	£,5,524,992 36,163,961 25,683,405 11,058,740 68,540 2,400,700 3,499,700 464,000	£ 6,463,315 46,959,533 43,693,760 18,213,350 59,560 3,054,050 4,349,800 563,000	£ 7,510,896 56,297,137 60,090,705 31,487,090 52,440 3,406,800 4,560,000 357,000	\$,405,844 64,585,186 74,664,385 44,426,120 47,840 4,483,350 5,731,900 149,000
	]	Held by banks ,, public	16,906,279 51,213,165	17,696,631 67,167,407	13,737,737 109,618,631	13,760,775 150,001,293	15,305,087 187,188,538
	7	Fotal	68,119,444	84,864,038	123,356,368	163,762,068	202,493,625
		Gold English Sterling	74,864 17,630,183	74,839 21,880,183	73,780 31,317,683	73,780 41,719,717	74,133 50,782,217
R	Reserve(a)-	Total	17,705,047	21,955,022	31,391,463	41,793,497	50,856,350
		Percentage on circulation	25.99	25.87	25.45	25.52	25.11

<sup>(</sup>a) Valued in Australian currency.

#### OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1944.			10,0	per per 00 of	Fortn Pensi	rage ightly ion at	Pensions paid during 1943-44.		
State.			Total	Population. 30th June, 1944.						
•	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age and Invalid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Amount.	Pe head Pop	loi
New SouthWales(c) Victoria Queensland South Australia(d) Western Australia Tasmania	No. 104,414 69,156 33,247 22,394 18,109 9,866	No. 26,234 12,446 8,848 4,333 3,443 2,638	No. 130,648 81,602 42,095 26,727 21,552 12,504	361 346 314 357 376 406	91 62 83 69 72 109	s. d. 51 11 51 11 52 1 50 10 51 3 51 4	s. d. 52 11 52 5 52 10 51 11 52 5 52 5	£ 8,866,699 5,787,208 2,802,973 1,844,328 1,508,169 889,723	61 58 53 59 63	d 8 1 2 1 1 1 8
Total	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	51 9	52 8	e21,699,100	59	(

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners, but excludes £105,336 funeral benefits in respect of deaths of pensioners.

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes English sterling. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month.

#### OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

	Num	ber of Pensio	ners.		Pensioners	Pensions	Average
Year ended 30th June-					tion.(a)	Payments during	Fortnightly Pension.
Sotn June	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Year. (b)	(a)
1911 1912 1913 1914	No. 75,502 79,071 82,943 87,780	No. 7,451 10,763 13,739 16,865	No. 82,953 89,834 96,682 104,645	168 170 172 177	17 23 29 34	£ 1,847,440 2,149,659 2,301,675 2,592,201	s. d. 19 1 19 0 19 6 19 5
1915 1916 1917 1918	90,892 91,783 93,672 95,387 95,969	20,417 23,439 26,781 29,912 31,999	111,309 115,222 120,453 125,299 127,968	182 186 190 190	41 47 54 59 62	2,718,939 2,891,597 3,554,135 3,793,037 3,936,626	19 5 19 4 24 3 24 3 24 2
1920 1921 1922 1923 1924	99,170 102,415 105,096 107,389 113,054	35,231 37,981 39,019 40,064 42,617	134,401 140,396 144,115 147,453 155,671	185 188 189 189 195	66 69 70 70 78	4,484,304 5,150,241 5,380,034 5,424,016 6,523,881	29 1 28 9 28 9 28 9 28 9 33 9
1925 1926 1927 1928 1929	117,516 126,918 133,234 139,367 145,393	44,840 48,803 52,399 55,517 59,148	162,356 175,721 185,633 194,884 204,541	198 210 215 221 227	75 80 85 88 93	6,992,905 8,252,387 9,144,589 9,790,346 10,124,239	33 8 38 7 38 6 38 5 38 5
1930 1931 1932 1933 1934	155,196 172,177 183,817 176,425 187,453	63,304 68,343 72,292 72,742 73,212	218,500 240,520 255,609 249,167 260,665	240 264 279 266 281	98 104 110 110 109	10,791,325 11,710,953 11,125,956 10,771,061 10,963,090	38 · 5 38 · 4 33 · 3 31 · 10 33 · 8
1935 1936 1937 1938 1939	197,126 206,748 215,690 224,154 232,836	76,852 80,487 83,396 86,096 88,812	273,978 287,235 299,086 310,250 321,648	293 305 316 325 335	114 119 122 125 128	11,762,030 12,797,726 13,998,793 15,798,687 15,991,782	33 7 34 8 36 8 38 6 38 5
1940(d) 1941 1942 1943 1944	272,896 276,760 275,456 267,239 257,186	58,696 58,921 60,597 58,081 57,942	331,592 335,681 336,053 325,320 315,128	388 390 386 371 352	84 83 85 81 79	16,459,245 17,366,365 19,257,025 22,292,835 21,699,100	38 6 (c)41 5 (c)48 4 (c)51 1 (c)51 11

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevoleut Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. Junuary, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943. Rate £2 14s. 0d. from 19th August, 1943. Adjustments are not now made on the retail price index-numbers. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

## CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

	Claims	Endowed		er 10,000 of ation.		oaid during 3-44.
State.	in Force.	Children, (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
New South Wales (c) Victoria Queensland South Australia (d) Western Australia Tasmania	No. 198,651 128,381 78,378 41,286 37,664 18,780	No. 359,373 220,884 148,021 70,524 66,938 37,837	687 641 739 658 783 773	1,243 1,104 1,396 1,124 1,391 1,557	£ 4,861,657 3,014,497 2,009,059 953,589 915,962 502,212	s, d. 33 11 30 3 37 11 30 7 38 4 41 7
Total 1948–44 1942–43	503,140 491,121	903,577 891,221	689 681	1,237 1,236	12,256,976 11,659,626	33 9 32 6

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,396 at 30th June, 1944; 16,938 at 30th June, 1943. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

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#### WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944. (a)

	Pensions	Current.(b)	Children	Average Four-		aid during 3–44.
State.	Number.	Per 10,000 of Popu- lation.	for whom Pensions Payable.	weekly rate of Pension.	Amount.	Per head of Popu- lation.
Victoria	1 500	57 60 58 54 58 63.	No. 7,344 3,684 2,442 1,084 881 672	£ s. d. 5 11 0 5 2 11 5 6 6 5 2 11 5 3 0 5 6 8	£ 1,147,544 787,034 363,777 213,086 180,802 108,459	s. d. 7 11 7 11 6 11 6 10 7 7 8 11
Total 1943-44 1942-43	. 42,212 . 38,402	58 53	16,107 16,214	5 6 8 5 5 0	2,800,702 2,358,998	7 8 6 7

<sup>(</sup>a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.
(b) Excludes eight (1943–44) and six (1942–43) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.
c) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(d) Includes Northern Territory.

# COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE. Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year en 30th Jur	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Aust	ralia.
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 (b)	 No. 30,440 30,860 29,700 28,540 24,481 19,182 57,792	No. 20,160 20,819 19,660 19,150 16,120 11,874 38,653	No. 12,660 12,880 12,290 12,481 12,113 9,651 23,743	No. 6,656 7,162 7,009 6,831 5,724 4,197 12,636	No. 5,026 5,213 4,774 4,775 4,320 4,025 10,439	No. 4,029 3,940 3,883 3,877 3,620 3,018 5,804	No. 29 42 36 38 13 9 (c)	No. 79,000 80,916 77,352 75,692 66,391 51,956 149,067	£ 400,004 436,614 416,964 407,533 358,538 281,052 2,287,000
Totals 10.10	1,398,941	919,741	531,130	307,317	226,164	152,583	1,124	3,537,000	19,001,945

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Under new provisions operating from 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished and the rates increased as follows:—(i) no other surviving children under 14—£4 10s. to £5; (ii) One or two other surviving children—£5 to £6; (iii) three or more other surviving children—£7 10s. unchanged. An allowance has also been provided of £1 5s. per week for the four weeks immediately preceding and succeeding birth of child. (c) Included with South Australia.

#### WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

	Nux	BER OF W	ar Pension	NERS.					For F P				
Place.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.		Incapacitated Members of	rorces.	Dependants of		Members of Forces.	ļ	All war Pensioners.	
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania United Kingdom Elsewhere	No. 32,596 27,552 10,398 6,180 8,089 3,780 1,471 292	No. 12,072 10,114 3,592 3,136 3,273 1,253 1,597 120	No. 42,515 35,802 13,467 7,902 11,149 5,822 1,981 309	No. 87,183 73,468 27,457 17,218 22,511 10,855 5,049 721	£ 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2	8. 6 3 4 8 6 0 13 3	d. 4 7 5 3 0 9 5 5	£ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	s. 5 5 4 8 5 3 18 9	d. 7 9 11 7 9 6 8 11	£ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8. 13 12 13 15 13 16 3 15	d. 4 2 10 8 0 5 1 5
Total 1943–44 1942–43	90,358 81,240	35,157 31,333	118,947 114,280	244,462 226,853	$\frac{2}{2}$	6 7	6 4	$\frac{1}{1}$	5 5	11	1	13 13	6 0

## SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Old-age (Members of Forces) Permanently Unemploy-	1,607	1,126	670	320	432	80	4,235
Members of Forces Dependants Sufferers from Pulmonary	993 1,125	861 1,071	713 707	424 451	445 426	192 245	3,628 4,025
Tuberculosis— Members of Forces Dependants	134 181	84 122	11 18	22 37	31 35	8 13	290 406
Total 1943-44 1942-43	4,040 4,365	3,264 3,309	2,119 2,340	1,254 1,252	1,369 1,454	538 564	12,584 13,284
Average Fortnightly Pensions— Members of Forces	£ s. d. 2 5 5	£ s. d. 2 5 6	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 2 5 5 1 10 5
Dependants	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{ c cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	1 10 5 2 0 2 1 18 1

## AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

### (i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Victoria Queensland	£. 2,674,462 2,353,107 . 890,710 . 497,230 . 696,833 . 403,747 . 303,200	£ 2,618,564 2,317,417 873,635 497,743 685,019 404,154 285,714	£ 2,560,477 2,252,227 853,757 485,919 671,457 396,814 267,880	£ 2,576,241 2,255,233 846,584 494,166 668,617 393,406 267,664	£ 2,897,870 2,497,300 943,691 575,168 752,885 434,228 265,854	$\begin{array}{c} & \pounds \\ 3,661,182 \\ 3,022,522 \\ 1,177,089 \\ 763,350 \\ 941,924 \\ 523,675 \\ 258,867 \end{array}$
Tota!	7,819,289	7,682,246	7, <b>488,581</b> 18,772	7,501,911 207,324	8,366,996 659,384	10,348,609 1,730,471

## (ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.		1938-39	. 1939–40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania		£ 118,44: 103,29: 72,71: 51,47 46,04 15,15	2 118,577 7 80,364 4 54,377 4 51,651	£ 162,985 126,975 88,088 57,758 55,783 19,564	£ 185,315 140,916 106,120 60,105 64,652 22,548	£ 218,173 163,116 119,032 61,953 73,503 24,332	£ 216,001 163,377 113,143 63,525 72,096 24,392
Total Includes 1939–44 W	ar	407,12	7 472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109 2,314	652,534 6,403

## COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1942-43.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.			Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.	
£201 to £500 £501 to £1,000	· · · · · ·	:: :: ::	No. 202,510 1,096,668 149,422 47,878	£ 998,515 25,055,290 14,668,404 42,504,616	£ s. d.  4 18 8 22 16 11 98 3 5 887 15 5	% 0.7 18.6 10.9 31.6	
Total Individuals .			1,496,478	83,226,825	55 12 4	61.8	
Companies			15,019	(b)51,493,480	3,428 11 1	38.2	
GRAND TOTAL .	•			134,720,305		100.0	

(a) Assessed on income for year 1941–42. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,207,756, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,285,816, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £9,236,322.

## COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.		Assessment year—						
neading.		1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.		
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		
Resident Owners Absentee Owners		21,028 2,584	20,956 2,559	21,395 2,365	21,959 2,562	21,921 2,450		
TOTAL		23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371		
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND RETURNED BY OWNERS— Resident	AS 	£ 225,774,692 1,999,905	£ 228,207,419 2,047,766	£ 234,278,018 1,892,564	£ 244,512,737 1,685,096	£ 244,222,515 1,444,489		
TOTAL		227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,838	245,667,004		
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAIN BY DEPARTMENT— Resident Absentee	ED	257,346,942 2,167,995	257,277,026 2,196,814	272,109,061 2,080,107	277,242,136 1,991,916	275,288,688 1,580,307		
TOTAL		259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168	279,234,052	276,868,995		
Tax Assessed on— Urban Land—Resident Owners Absentee Owners		924,749 10,082	1,045,591 10,673	1,195,246 11,324	2,453,928 20,509	2,897,198 20,333		
TOTAL		934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531		
Rural Land—Resident Owners Absentee Owners		339,487 3,267	372,713 3,342	388,763 4,248	784,293 6,113	889,928 5,204		
TOTAL		342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132		
All Land—Resident Owners Absentee Owners	 	1,264,236 13,349	1,418,304 14,015	1,584,009 15,572	3,238,221 26,622	3,787,126 25,537		
TOTAL		1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663		
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED & ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND PER		a57,636,000 1.427d.	a56,695,994 1.592d.	a56,131,125 1.680d.	a63,556,163 2.985d.	a62,701,713 3.426d.		

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

#### COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1943-44.

Grade of Dutiable Value.			Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.	
££				No.	£	£	£
1- 1,000				2,859	6,488,316	1,187,470	35,654
1,001-2,000				1,453	5,016,990	2,114,244	62,490
<b>3</b> ,001-3,000				914	4.298,805	2,252,145	68,015
8,001-4,000				625	3,624,544	2,190,355	68,115
4,001-5,000				416	2,823,192	1,857,933	55,387
5,001-10,000				1,039	9,918,935	7,193,670	215,151
10,001-20,000				636	10,750,044	8,861,466	384,262
20,001-50,000				315	11,311,474	9,201,689	747,781
50,001 and over				71	8,494,128	6,576,910	1,339,307
Total				8,328	62,726,428	41,435,882	2,976,162

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1943-44.

## COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1942-43.

Quarter Ended.			Net Sales of Taxable and	Ta	Sales Tax Payable.			
			Exempt Goods.(b)	$12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	(b)	
September				£'000. 151,614	£'000. 45,619	£'000. 8,513	£'000. 54,132	£'000. 7,825
December				151,789	42,691	8,500	51.191	7,461
March				 145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
June				 147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total	Year			 596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

#### Year 1943-44.

	Net Sales of Taxable		Taxable	Sales.(b)		Sales Tax
Period.	and Exempt Goods.(b)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent $(d)$ .	$12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	Payable. (b).
July August September	50,752	£'000. 1,330 5,337 5,242	£'000. 13,899 10,473 10,736	£'000. 2,525 2,364 2,467	£'000. 17,754 18,174 18,445	£'000. 2,468 2,299 2,351
Total September Quarter	152,438	11,909	35,108	7,356.	54,373	7,118
October November December	53,363	4,786 4,816 4,477	10,678 10,978 10,408	2,645 3,024 2,918	18,109 18,818 17,803	2,355 2,489 2,366
Total December Quarter .	156,573	14,079	32,064	8,587	54,730	7,210
January February	49,189	3,386 4,419 5,342	9,110 10,897 11,226	2,032 2,396 2,513	14,528 17,712 19,081	1,901 2,292 2,432
Total March Quarter .	145,587	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321	6,625
April	53,989	4,254 5,341 4,731	9,443 11,631 11,469	2,111 2,576 2,232	15,808 19,548 18,432	2,027 2,498 2,346
Total June Quarter .	151,072	14,326	32,543	6,919	53,788	6,871
Total Year	605,670	53,461	130,948	29,803	214,212	27,824

#### Year 1944-45.

	Net Sales of Taxable		Sales Tax			
Period.	and Exempt Goods.(b)	$7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.(d)	$12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	Payable. (b)
July	£'000. 51,212 56,640 53,700	£'000. 5,051 6,167 5,500	£'000. 11,359 12,255 10,700	£'000. 2,729 2,935 2,800	£'000. 19,139 21,357 19,000	£'000, 2,481 2,726 2,375
Total September Quarter (e)	161,552	16,718	34,314	8,464	59,496	7,582

<sup>(</sup>a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (d) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (e) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

#### (B.) STATE FINANCE.

Note.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1943–44 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £799,997 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £73,270,524, and of £1,124,999 from the Expenditure total of £72,085,475, the surplus thus obtained being £1,510,051, instead of the Budget surplus of £1,185,049. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted. Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

#### STATE REVENUES, 1943-44.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Taxation (b) Railways Tramways (e)	5,700	£'000. 4,100 16,109 (f) 129	£'000. 2,345 16,250	£'000. 1,716 (d) 5,956	£'000. (c) 942 4,420 515	£'000. 825	£'000. 15,895 77,236 6,344
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings Land Interest (n.e.i.)	1,844 1,691 404	2,558 972 1,528	1,606 961	2,026 266 1,013	1,930 350 518	4 86 473	8,362 4,971 4,897
ments (g) All other Sources .	17,637	8,818 1,330	6,713 1,093	3,857 711	3,827 1,087	1,896 215	42,748 9,163
Total Revenue .	. 72,471	35,544	28,968	15,545	13,589	3,499	169,616
Total Revenue pe		£ s. d. 17 15 10	£ s. d. 27 3 9	£ s. d. 24 19 10	£ s. d. 27 19 11	£ s. d. 14 5 1	£ s. d. 23 5 6
Year ended 30th June-	-	STATE RE	VENUES 19	38-39 AND	1940-41 то	1943-44.	
1939	. 59,895 . 65,866 . 71,534		£'000. 19,330 21,540 23,663 29,284 28,968	£'00. 12,304 12,925 15,002 15,192 15,545	£'000. 10,950 11,432 11,940 13,152 13,589	£'000. 3,615 (a) 2,921 (a) 3,359 (a) 3,290 (a) 3,499	£'000. 124,894 137,896 152,942 168,942 169,616

#### STATE EXPENDITURES, 1943-44.

Heads o	of Expend	liture.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Public Railways Tramway Other B' dustria Educatio Hospital Other Ch All other	Interest and Charges on Public Debt Railways Tramways (e) Other Business and Industrial Undertakings Education Hospitals Other Charities All other Expenditure Total Expenditure		£'000. 15,667 27,375 5,340 979 6,383 2,893 1,633 10,691 70,961	£'000. 8,400 12,790  1,454 3,654 1,676 908 6,042	£'000. 6,712 12,672  1,896 865 718 (j) 5,990 28,854	£'000. 5,345 4,909  867 1,215 644 182 2,367 15,529	£'000. 4,612 3,625 387 1,071 979 431 2,225 13,551	£'000. 1,406 4  (i) 208 529 212 106 1,004 3,469	£'000. 42,142 61,375 5,727 4,580 14,656 6,721 3,768 28,319 167,288
	al Expen er head (h		£ s. d. 24 14 4	£ s. d. 17 9 7	£ s. d. 27 1 8	£ s. d. 24 19 4	£ s. d. 27 18 4	£ s. d. 14 2 8	£ s. d. 22 19 2
Year end	led 30th J	une		STATE EX	PENDITURE	s 1938–39	AND 1940-4	41 то 1934-	44.
1939 1941 1942 1943 1944	••		£'000. 54,163 60,319 64,824 69,989 70,961	£'000. 27,773 29,040 32,320 35,736 34,924	£'000. 9,1316 21,511 23,599 29,182 28,854	£'000. 12,701 13,008 13,712 14,960 15,529	£'000. 11,170 11,421 11,939 13,127 13,551	£'000. 3,641 (a) 3,103 (a) 3,357 (a) 3,400 (a) 3,469	£'000. 128,764 138,402 149,751 166,394 167,288

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation. Commonwealth and State, 1943-44, see p. 41. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £1,420,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,750,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

#### STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1943-44.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.	s.w.	V	ic.(a)	Q	land.	S.	Aust.	W.	Aust.		Tas.	r	otal.
Works—	£	'000.	£	000.	£	000.	£	2000.	£	000.	£	2000.	£	'000.
Railways		1.510		470		409		370		15		261		3.035
Tramways (b)	Cr.	321					Cr.			9			Cr.	362
Roads and Bridges	Cr.	69	Cr.	30		164	Cr.				1			
Harbours, Rivers,	0										1	31		339
Lights, &c.		130	Cr.	6	1	198		. 9	Cr.	72	11			
Water Supply and		100	0	U		100			0		1			
0		36		120	Cr.	865		804		16	100			111
Electricity Supply		23		1.20	W.	000		004		16		319		358
		339		158		. 86		131	1	83	15	49		846
	0	147	0	50				191		0.0	Cr.		Cr.	208
Unemployment Relief	CT.	147	Cr.	90				• •			CT.	11	Cr.	200
Other Public Works,						= 00		201	1~			0		000
&c.(c)	Cr.	14	Cr.	5		563	Cr.	264	Cr.	1		9		288
Primary Production—														
Land Settlement (d)	Cr.	25	Cr.	656	Cr.	19	Cr.	308	Cr.	110	Cr.	154	Cr.	1,272
Water Conservation,											1			
Irrigation and														
Drainage	Cr.	60			Cr.	14		25		22			Cr.	27
Other		9		128	Cr.	77	Cr.	25		114	Cr.	5		144
Other purposes			Cr.	1	Cr.	100	Cr.	200		14			Cr.	287
Total Works, &c.		1,411		128		345	-	476		106		499		2,965
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	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s: d.
Per Head (e)	0	9 10	0	1 3	0	6 6	0	15 4	0	4 4	2	0 8	0	8 2
Non-Works—														
Revenue, &c., Deficits	Cr.	6,500							Cr.	38		109	Cr.	6,429
Other $(f)$		35										1.067		1,102
a , m , ,									-		-			
Grand Total	Cr.	5,054		128		345	1	476		68	1	1,675	Cr.	2,362

#### TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1944.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	$\operatorname{Vic.}(a)'g)$	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways, Tr , mwavs (b)	167.040	79.263	66,813	39,827	27,088	7,775	387,806
Roads and Bridges	20,857	12,646	5,460	3,842	3,183	ר. יי	
Harbours, Rivers,						> 7,297	96,622
Lights, &c.	22,364	1,408	3,504	8,547	7,514	1	
Water Supply and							
Sewerage	40,985	32,016	942	22,733	14,905		111,581
Electricity Supply	2,568	17,839			1,925	7.830	30,162
Public Buildings	18,176	8,367	7,570	3,956	2,867	3,010	43,946
Unemployment Relief	17,010	13,143			(h)	333	30,486
Other Public Works,							
&c. (c)	11,567	3,668	26,622	7,725	3,072	3,738	56.392
Primary Production-							
Land Settlement $(d)$	12,301	44,062	5,592	11,372	17,624	2,775	93,726
Water Conservation, Ir-							
rigation and Drainage	19,406		1,967	9,212	3,886		34,471
Other	7,827	5,680	8,046	2,166	14,307	26	38,052
Other purposes	89	212	224	4,043	3,612		8,180
Total Works	340,190	218,304	126,740	113,423	99,983	32,784	931,424
Non-Works-	,100		,	11-,120	,	32,101	001,121
Revenue, &c., Deficits	33.030	4,864	5,827	8,669	12,042	1,126	65,558
Other(j)	18,162.	5,834	10,332	1,272	4,169	1,596	41,365
Grand Total	391,382	229,002	142,899	123,364	116,194	35,506	1,038,347

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

#### STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

			Publić I	Debt.		Interest Payable.				
State.		Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.	
		£'000.	£'000. Stg.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000.	£'000.	
New South Wales		186,888	153,414	11.669	351,971	6,059	5,786	564	12,409	
Victoria		108,294	61,970	4,499	174,763	3,853	2,314	221	6,388	
Queensland		61,130	62,778	5,271	129,179	2,141	2,513	279	4,933	
South Australia		63,755	42,817	1,733	108,305	2,221	1,678	87	3,986	
Western Australia		50,692	43,771	2,015	96,478	1,661	1,689	101	3,451	
Tasmania		21,081	8,755	228	30,064	688	331	11	1,030	
Total		491.840	373,505	25,415	890,760	16,623	14,311	1,263	32,197	

<sup>(</sup>a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt le aving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

#### (C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(Tables on this page are prepared from information published in the monthly statements issued by each Treasury.)

#### REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

		Six months ended December—										
		1943-44.			1944-45.							
State, &c.	Revenue.	Expendi- ture.	Surplus (+) Or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expendi- ture.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).						
New South Wales(a) Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	14,202 12,975 6,678	£'000. 34,837 16,304 12,397 7,478 6,638 1,843	£'000. - 2,603 - 2,102 + 578 - 800 - 378 - 298	£'000. 33,667 14,175 12,240 7,012 6,689 1,557	£'000. 36,486 16,486 12,743 7,701 6,832 1,938	£'000. - 2,819 - 2,311 - 503 - 689 - 143 - 381						
Total, Six States Commonwealth		79,497 134,179	- 5,603	75,340 155,432	82,186 155,432	- 6,846						
Grand Total (b)	194,521	200,124	- 5,603	217,577	224,423	- 6,846						

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

## REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPEND.TURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

	Povon	ne from				Expend	liture—			
State, &c.	Commo	nwealth ents.(a)	Revenue from Taxation. $(b)$		Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.			
	Six months ended December—									
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1943-44.	1944-45		
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	 £'000. 4,668 2,627 1,900 1,185 1,496 717	£'000. 4,765 2,697 1,990 1,346 1,567 731	£'000. 2,850 1,837 1,081 747 459 451	£'000. 3,053 1,958 1,129 878 486 436	£'000. 10,104 5,900 3,578 2,008 1,883 907	£'000. 13,722 6,046 3,739 2,110 2,063 973	£'000. 7,970 4,193 3,272 2,637 2,318 741	£'000. 7,742 4,207 3,479 2,635 2,300 706		
Total, Six States Commonwealth	 12,593	13,096	7,425 114,803	7,940 136,343	24,380 c 87,056	28,653 103,058 c	21,131 20,458	21,069 25,670		
Grand Total	 12,593	13,096	122,228	144,283	111,436	131,711	41,589	46,739		

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), 1948-44, £57,187,000; 1944-45, £72,550,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

#### Expenditure. Six months ended December-1943-44 1944-45 1943-44. 1944-45. State, &c. Rail-Rail-Rail-Rail-Other. Other. Other. Other. way. way. way. way. £'000 £'000. £'000. £'000. £'000 £'000. £'000. £'000 17,757 7,630 8,333 2,849 15,821 7,237 7,389 New South Wales 3,784 3,894 $13,791 \\ 6,003$ 2,972 208 $11,927 \\ 6,033$ 3,095 200Victoria(b) ... Queensland(c) 183 183 5,547 461 1,080 1,170 433 South Australia 2.792 2,400 2,495 . . 1,782 1,792 2.267 677 Western Australia 2,185 1,205 1,295 655 (d) 195 (d) 259 Tasmania 4.268 38,754 6,542 29,718 4.433 Total, Six States 6.252 35,506 28,031 e 10 015 1.168 (e)9.462 Commonwealth 1,791 e 13,438 1,349 e 13.749 1.190

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Grand Total

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department.

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## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1943-44.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties. (n.e.i.)	Motor Taxes.	Enter- tainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
N. South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Aust. Tasmania	£'000.	£'000. 798 199 204 85 140 20	£'000. 3 360 387 297 122 93	£'000. 2,711 1,778 747 400 232 145	£'000, 1,215 824 502 223 205 74	£'000. 2,326 1,582 808 572 381 215	£'000. 548 488 133 128 133 43	£'000. 692 484 385 68 115 449	£'000. 8,293 5,715 3,166 1,773 1,328 1,039
Total States Commonwealth	67,292	1,446 183,799	1,262 3,819	6,013 2,761	3,043	5,884	1,473 4,704	2,193 41,292	21.314 303,667
Grand Total	67,292	185,245	5,081	8,774	3,043	5,884	6,177	43,485	324,981
			PER H	EAD OF POP	ULATION. $(c$	)			
N. South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Aust.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 0 5 7 0 2 0 0 3 10 0 2 9 0 5 10	£ s. d. 0 3 7 0 7 3 0 9 6 0 5 0	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 0 8 6 0 8 3 0 9 5 0 7 2 0 8 5	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 0 3 10 0 4 11 0 2 5 0 4 2 0 5 6	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 2 17 10 2 17 3 2 19 6 2 17 0 2 14 9

Grand Total 9 4 2 25 7 1 0 14 0 1 4 0 0 8 4 0 16 2 0 16 11 5 18 11 44 9 7

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds, The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 28 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

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#### TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE

	Т	axation by C	ommonwealth	Governmen	ıt.	Taxation	
Year.	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	by State Govern- ments.	Total Taxation.
1939-40 1940-41	£'000. 53,825 53,780 56,781 64,878 67,292	£'000. 16,430 43,305 77,564 141,027 183,799	£'000, 12,196 19,793 26,830 28,846 27,909	£'000. 7,560 8,506 18,260 22,393 24,667	£'000. 90,011 125,384 179,435 257,144 303,667	£'000. 54,386 56,304 57,260 (a) 26,329 (a) 21,314	£'000. 144,397 181,688 236,695 283,473 324,981
		Ė	PER HEAD OF	POPULATION	v.(b)		
1939-40	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c cccc} \pounds & s. & d. \\ 2 & 7 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 & 6 \\ 10 & 17 & 4 \\ 19 & 11 & 10 \\ 25 & 3 & 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 12 17 4 17 14 9 25 2 10 35 14 5 41 11 3	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 20 12 10 25 14 1 33 3 3 39 7 6 44 9 7

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Reimbursements— Income Tax Entertainments Tax	£'000. 14,558 161	£'000. 6,318 373	£'000. 5,617	£'000. 2,276 97	£'000. 2,406 98	£'000 872 37	£'000. 32,047 766
Total	14,719 8,293	6,691 5,715	5,617 3,166	2,373 1,773	2,504 1,328	909 1,039	32,813 21,314
Grand Total	23,012	12,406	8,783	4,146	3,832	1,948	54,127
Per head of population	£ s. d. 8 0 4	£ s. d. 6 4 3	£ s. d. 8 4 11	£ s. d. 6 13 4	£ s. d. 7 17 11	£ s. d. 7 18 9	£ s. d. 7 8 6

#### NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(Prepared from information published in the monthly statements issued by each Treasury.)

	nonths ended ecember.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	
1943 1944	:: :	1 073	£'000. 191 129	£'000, Cr. 41 202	£'000. Cr. 33 Cr. 196	£'000. 51 140	£'000. 129 189	£'000. 1,531 1,537	£'000. 212,736 143,667	£'000. 214,267 145,204

(a) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services.

### COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

	****			At 30th June—		
Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
		PUI	BLIC DEBT.			
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A. London £Stg.	£'000. 173,029 90,744	£'000. 171,240 90,744	£'000. 167,220 90,745	£'000. 166,532 90,744	£'000. 164,628 90,744
War (1939-44) Works, &c	Australia £A. London £Stg. Australia £A. London £Stg.	46,808 5,810 37,279 65,780	109,649 17,875 39,459 65,384	321,345 17,875 39,956 65,134	712,579 18,129 38,241 64,884	1,098,261 6,122 36,190 64,362
Total	New York £Stg.  Australia £A.	15,877 257,116	15,877 320,348	15,876 528,521	917,352	15,791
	London £Stg. New York £Stg.	162,334 15,877	174,003 15,877	173,754 15,876	173,757 15,790	161,228 15,791
Total		435,327	510,228	718,151	1,106,899	1,476,098
State	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	493,647 384,162 27,918	504,494 384,042 27,486	504,439 380,422 25,817	494,115 379,113 25,610	491,840 373,505 25,415
Total		905,727	916,022	910,678	898,838	890,760
Grand Total	Australia £A London £Stg. New York £Stg.	750,763 546,496 43,795	824,842 558,045 43,363	1,032,960 554,176 41,693	1,411,467 552,870 41,400	1,790,919 534,733 41,206
Total .		1,341,054	1,426,250	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,366,858

#### (ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

	777		At 30th June—	
Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	1940. 1941.	1942. 1943.	1944.
		PER HEAD OF POPUL	ATION.	
Commonwealth— War (1914-19) War (1939-44) Works, &c	Australia £A. London £Stg. Australia £A. London £Stg. Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	£ s. d. 22 10 9 12 8 6 150 7 4 0 16 9 4 19 1 8 16 3 2 3 3
Total	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	36 11 4 45 2 1 23 1 9 24 10 0 2 5 2 2 4 9	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	177 17 2 22 1 6 2 3 3
Total		61 18 3 71 16 10	100 2 1 153 2 0	202 1 11
State	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	70 8 4 71 5 4 54 15 11 54 5 0 3 19 8 3 17 8	70 10 5 68 10 10 53 3 8 52 11 10 3 12 2 3 11 1	67 10 6 51 5 7 3 9 9
Total		129 3 11 129 8 0	127 6 3 124 13 9	122 5 10
Grand Total	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	106 15 6 116 2 9 77 14 6 78 11 5 6 4 7 6 2 1	143 19 8 195 4 7 77 4 11 76 9 5 5 16 3 5 14 6	245 4 0 73 4 3 5 12 10
Total		190 14 7 200 16 3	227 0 10 277 8 6	324 1 1

(SE) TWTEREST PAVARLE

(111)	A TENTOTAL .	L AL II ALADRALIO			
		At	30th June—		
Where Payable.	1940. £'000.	1941. £'000.	1942. £'000.	1943. £'000.	1944. £'000.
INI	EREST PAY	ABLE.			
Australia £A. London £Stg.(a) New York £Stg.	9,421 3,388 776	11,249 3,736 776	16,135 3,656 776	25,145 3,290 772	33,945 3,277 771
	13,585	15,761	20,567	29,207	37,993
Australia £A. London £Stg New York £Stg.	17,593 14,958 1,421	17,866 14,955 1,395	17,284 14,500 1,283	16,863 14,501 1,272	16,623 14,311 1,263
	33,972	34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197
Australia £A. London £Stg.(a) New York £Stg	27,014 18,346 2,197	29,115 18,691 2,171	33,419 18,156 2,059	42,008 17,791 2,044	50,568 17,588 2,034
	47,557	49,977	53,634	61,843	70,190
	Where Payable.  INT Australia £A. London £Stg.(a) New York £Stg.  Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.  Australia £A. London £Stg.(a) New York £Stg	Where Payable.   1940.   £'000.	Where Payable.         1940. £'000.         1941. £'000.           INTEREST PAYABLE.           Australia £A. London £Stg.(a)         3,388 3,736 776           New York £Stg.         776 776           13,585 15,761           Australia £A. 17,593 17,866 London £Stg. 14,958 14,955 New York £Stg. 1,421 1,395           New York £Stg.         1,421 1,395           Australia £A. 27,014 29,115 London £Stg.(a) 18,846 18,691 New York £Stg         18,846 18,691 New York £Stg           2,197 2,171           47,557 49,977		$ \begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c } \hline & At 30th June \\ \hline Where Payable. & 1940. & 1941. & 1942. & 1943. & £'000. & £'000. & £'000. & £'000. & \\ \hline & 1940. & £'000. & £'000. & £'000. & £'000. & £'000. & \\ \hline & INTEREST PAYABLE. \\ \hline Australia £A. & 9,421 & 11,249 & 16,135 & 25,145 & 3,686 & 3,290 & 776 & 776 & 776 & 777 & 772 \\ \hline & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline New York £Stg. & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \hline Australia £A. & 17,593 & 17,866 & 17,284 & 16,863 & 10,400 & £Stg & 14,958 & 14,955 & 14,504 & 14,501 & 14,501 & 14,958 & 14,955 & 14,283 & 1,272 & 14,21 & 1,395 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,272 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,283 & 1,2$

(a) Excludes suspended interest (\$3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

#### (iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

	Where	At 30th June—							
Particulars.	Payable.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.			
	AVERAGE RA		NTEREST	£ 8, d,	£ 8, d, 1	£ s. d.			
Commonwealth and State	 Australia London(α) New York	£ s. d. 3 12 4 3 18 7 5 0 4	3 11 1 3 18 2 5 0 2	3 5 1 3 16 7 4 18 9	2 19 9 3 17 3 4 18 9	2 16 8 3 17 4 4 18 9			
Total(b)	 	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7			

See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange

#### (v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

		At—									
Debt.	Where Redeemable.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	30th June, 1944.	31st Dec., 1944.	
Commonwealth	Australia £A. London £Stg.	£'000. 9,720	£'000. 5,495	£'000. 4,220	£'000. 3,970	£'000. 1,750 3,720	£'000. 80,481 3,470	£'000. 259,250 3,220		£'000. 367,280 2,720	
State	Australia £A. London £Stg.	46,408 23,155	46,598 23,155	50,228 23,155	45,463 23,155	45,423 23,155	45,083 24,879	39,200 23,730	33,075 22,868	43,448 22,868	
Total	Australia £A. London £Stg.	46,408 32,875	46,598 28,650	50,228 27,375	45,463 27,125	47,173 26,875	125,564 28,349		376,355 25,838		

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

#### (D.) BANKING.

#### ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

			Deposits.			Government and Municipal	tage Non- interest-	Percen- tage Advances	
Average for Quarters ende		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Securities (including Treasury Bills).	bearing to Total Deposits. (c)	to Total Deposits.	
June, 1940 ,, 1941 ,, 1942 ,, 1943	.:	£'000. 170,778 189,643 227,076 314,609	£'000. 268,196 268,408 255,646 301,820	£'000. 438,974 458,051 482,722 616,429	£'000. 347,380 330,535 323,850 291,680	£'000. 118,733 142,928 198,429 352,250	% 38.9 41.3 47.0 50.9	% 75.7 68.9 64.0 45.1	
Mar., 1944 June, 1944 Sept., 1944 Dec., 1944		367,757 385,681 384,740 399,264	300,974 308,812 328,850 324,108	668,731 694,493 713,590 723,372	270,584 270,864 267,064 253,361	411,255 399,090 396,685 410,149	54.9 55.6 53.8 55.1	38.5 37.2 35.7 33.3	

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

#### NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

	Notes in	Bills in	Balances due to		Deposits.		m.4.)
Quarter	Circu-	Circu-	other	Not bearing	Bearing	Total.	Total
ended—	lation.	lation.	Banks.	Interest.	Interest.(a)		Liabilities.
June, 1940 ,, 1941 ,, 1942 ,, 1943	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	167	3,592	1,000	138,438	214,686	353,124	357,883
	167	3,580	932	157,746	209,956	367,702	372,381
	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
	167	4,452	955	258,441	199,519	457,960	463,534
Mar., 1944	167	4,356	1,061	308,943	217,945	526,888	532,472
June, 1944	167	4,767	1,026	319,928	220,685	540,613	546,573
Sept., 1944	167	4,663	1,044	313,829	223,114	536,943	542,817
Dec., 1944	167	4,956	1,131	335,511	225,078	560,589	566,843

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

#### NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth. Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(a)	Special War-time Deposits with Common- wealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
June, 1940 ,, 1941 ,, 1942 ,, 1943 Mar., 1944 June, 1944 Sept., 1944	£'000. 2,193 2,139 1,533 1,819 1,961 1,968 2,027 2,055	£'000. 36,793 34,225 37,049 30,573 44,964 36,499 34,616 36,784	£'000. 83,617 102,354 95,837 133,785 154,935 148,713 150,463 168,087	£'000.  36,797 100,401 150,478 178,600 182,835 190,768	£'000. 9,983 10,297 9,996 9,881 9,775 9,761 9,801 9,776	£'000. 2,099 2,737 3,246 2,855 3,346 3,587 3,618 3,538	£'000. 2,340 2,537 3,551 3,928 3,975 4,200 4,134 4,639	£'000. 286,784 283,054 269,944 244,776 224,573 224,858 217,152 211,804	£'000. 423,809 437,343 457,953 528,018 594,007 608,186 604,646 627,451

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Treasury Bills.

#### COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

				Banking De				Note Issue and General Banking Depart- ment.	Notes held
Average for Quarters ended—		Deposits.			Special			Sterling Reserve	outside Com- mon-
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	Balances Due to other Banks.	War- time Deposits lodged by all Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short- term Loans.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	and Short Call	wealth Bank. (d)
June, 1940 ,, 1941 ,, 1942 ,, 1943	£'000. 30,054 28,699 29,815 50,953	£'000 50,169 55,150 57,132 98,684	£'000, 80,223 83,849 86,947 149,637	£'000. 28,968 29,078 33,076 25,885	£'000. .: 37,286 100,844	£'000. 37,412 24,626 32,129 27,026	£'000. 33,086 37,976 100,057 213,961	£'000. 58,539 74,201 58,590 80,913	£'000. 51,606 63,724 94,917 133,350
Mar., 1944 June, 1944 Sept., 1944 Dec., 1944	52.426 60,618 64,361 56,629	78,583 82,460 101,202 94,309	131,009 143,078 165,563 150,938	41,812 32,864 31,614 33,231	151,207 179,454 183,832 191,928	27,823 27,800 32,111 23,787	249,317 243,432 238,774 234,258	107,092 143,998 172,271 177,029	164.387 181,109 191,661 195,095

<sup>(</sup>a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See page 32 for details of Note Issue.

## SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vie.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
т.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June-									
1940	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,991
1941	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8.941	357	374	252,231
1942	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943	122,406	121,249	45,197	38.563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944	162,868	153,887	65,479	48,596	25,790	14,213	(b)	701	471,534
1943									
Oct	136,326	133,141	52,496	42,404	21,378	12,277	(b)	565	398.587
Nov	138,328	134,425	53,976	42,666	21.748	12,361	(b)	564	404,068
Dec	142,109	137,506	55,646	43,564	22,298	12,608	(6)	567	414,298
200	112,100	101,000	00,010	10,001	22,200	12,000	(0)	507	414,298
1944									
Oct	173,981	163,162	70,427	51,562	27,977	15,199	(b)	741	503,049
Nov	176,748	165,304	71,684	52,121	28,492	15,357	(b)	757	510,463
Dec	179.128	167,044	72,633	52,817	28,775	15,537		751	
	1.0,120	101,011	12,000	02,011	20,110	10,007	(b)	191	516,685

#### COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK-DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vie.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June-									
1940	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,297	192	350	139,941
1941	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	874	149,965
1942	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1944	162,868	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,790	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1943									
Oct	136,326	26,652	52,496	7.351	21,378	3,943	(a)	565	248,711
Nov	138,328	26,548	53,976	7,236	21,748	3,979	(a)	564	252,379
Dec	142,109	27,414	55,646	7,433	22,298	4,091	(a)	567	259,558
1944—									
Oct	173,981	33,995	70.427	9,264	27,977	5,208	(a)	741	321,593
Nov	176,748	34,479	71,684	9,432	28,492	5,269	(a)	757	326,861
Dec	179,128	35,053	72,633	9,580	28,775	5,351	(a)	751	331.271

<sup>(</sup>a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

#### BANK CLEARING HOUSES .- AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

	Sy	dney.	Mell	ourne.				
Weekly Average.	Total Clear- ings.	Clearings less Trea- sury Bill transac- tions.(a)	Total Clear- ings.	ear- sury Bill		Perth.	Ho- bar <b>t.</b>	
Year 1941	 £'000. 26,978 29,157 32,351 32,942	£'000. 21,841 23,933 27,649 28,746	£'000. 21,621 24,555 27,109 27,757	£'000. 21,010 24,228 27,061 27,730	£'000. 4,676 5,284 6,424 7,074	£'000. 3,753 4,226 4,760 5,101	£'000, 2,234 2,398 2,638 2,774	£'000. 699 774 879 1,000
1944— 26th Sept. to 30th Oct. 31st Oct. to 27th Nov. 28th Nov. to 31st Dec.	 31,389 32,588 36,526	28,679 28,959 29,749	28,182 27,716 27,751	28,181 27,690 27,697	7,385 7,151 7,077	5,373 5,479 4,758	2,877 2,745 2,881	1,093 908 951

<sup>(</sup>a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929. and in New South Wales since October, 1930

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

Note.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £47,928,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and December, 1944.

Tasmania ...

South Australia South Australia ... Western Australia ...

Total(b)

## Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless. A.—Railways.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

30,399,735 26,309,388

2,248,034

30,801,278

26,393,048

2,348,784

31,290,224

26,362,545

2,497,290

. Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	Miles. 2,201 6,114 4,759 6,567 2,557 4,378 658	Miles. 2,201 6,141 4,759 6,567 2,557 4,381 645	Miles. 2,201 6,127 4,759 6,567 2,557 4,381 642	Miles. 2,201 6,127 4,766 6,567 2,557 4,381 642	Miles. 2,201 6,127 4,758 6,567 2,547 4,381 642
Total	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223
Сар	ITAL COST OF	Construction	N AND EQUIP	MENT.(a)	`
Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth . New South Wales . Victoria Queensland	147,617,530	149,203,908 52,037,722	149,575,526 52,229,383		£ 17,700,704 151,849,840 52,637,204 39,479,733

315,860,188	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512
	3/ 13	Zonzeno		

30,109,220

26,187,632

2,155,261

29,732,889

26,021,781

2,140,330

Governmen	ıt.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania		 2,201 6,114 4,754 6,567 2,557 4,376 658	2,201 6,118 4,759 6,567 2,557 4,380 644	2,201 6,127 4,759 6,567 2,557 4,381 642	2,201 6,127 4,746 6,567 2,557 4,381 642	2,201 6,127 4,758 6,567 2,549 4,381 642
Total		 27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225

	TRAFFIC	TRAIN-MI	LES RUN(	c)—'000 c	MITTED.		
Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	••		902 30,106 17,890 13,927 6,177 6,575 1,906	958 29,471 17,008 14,190 5,928 6,134 2,064	1,234 32,285 17,767 14,603 5,892 6,144 2,167	2,322 d36,368 18,249 16,396 6,599 6,355 2,176	3,473 e39,000 18,437 d19,851 6,792 6,340 2,217
Total .			77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110

Total				77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110
		GROSS	REVEN	TUE-£'00	0 OMITTE	D.		
Commonwealth				547	622	971	2,195	3,746
New South Wales				19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872
Victoria				9,284	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030
Queensland				7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027
South Australia				3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811
Western Australia	a			3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417
Tasmania				487	536	600	686	843
Total				44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746

<sup>(</sup>a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated. (e) Estimated.

#### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS-continued.

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Governmen	t.		1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43
	Worki	NG EXP	enses—£'	000 оміт	TED.		
Commonwealth			642	842	903	1,506	2,171
New South Wales			14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343
Victoria			8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040
Queensland			6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400
South Australia		· · · ·	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,661
Western Australia			2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447
Tasmania			678	688	757	854	965
Total			35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,027
	Net	EARNI	ngs—£'00	0 omittei	ο.		
Commonwealth			-95	-220	68	689	1,578
New South Wales			5,403	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529
Victoria			1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990
Queensland			1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627
South Australia			188	231	450	1,088	1,150
Western Australia			688	728	814	970	970
Fasmania			-191	-152	-157	-168	-122
Total			8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719
PERCEN	TAGE O	F NET	Earnings	ON CAPIT	ral Cost.	1	
			%	%	%	%	1 %
Commonwealth			-0.56	-1.28	0.39	3.95	8.90
New South Wales			3.66	4.09	4.58	4.50	4.98
Victoria			2.33	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68
Queensland			4.18	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78
South Australia			0.63	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67
Western Australia			2.64	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68
Tasmania		•••	-8.91	-7.02	-6.99	-7.16	-4.88
Total (b)			2.79	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1942-43 are as follows: —Victoria, 3.82; Queensland, 9.82; South Australia, 3.35; Tasmania, -1.68; Total, 5.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTI	CULARS H	FOR QUA	RTER E	NDED SE	PTEMBE	R, 1943.		
Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,155
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers,							-	
Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	234	3,606	1,816	1,350	407	352	(1)	(1)
cGoods, including live	F-20	- 010	0.050	2.000	0.04	-07	(7)	(7)
stock and minerals £	720	5,016	2,053	3,009	981	705	(1)	(l)
cMiscellaneous £	16	(d)424	304	(e)	111	46	(1)	(1)
cTotal Revenue £	970	(f)9,046	4,173	4,359	1,499	1,103	207	21,357
cExpenditure £	568	6,350	3,022	2,724	1,206	988	(g) 239	15,097
cTrain-miles run	931	11,160	4,437	5,228	1,738	(h)1,540	(i) 566	25,600
Earnings per train-mile	20s. 10d.	16s. 3d.	18s. 10d.	16s. 8d.	17s. 3d.	14s. 4d.	7s. 4d.	16s. 8d.
Expenditure per train-								
mile	12s. 2d.	11s. 5d.	13s. 7d.	10s. 5d.	13s. 11d.	12s. 10d.	8s. 5d.	11s. 10c
Expenditure per cent. on								
Earnings %	58.55	70.19	72.42	62.49	80.44	89.58	115.52	70.65
cPassenger-journeys, No.	123	60,370	49,068	9,445	7,217	4,346	769	131,338
cCoal and Coke carried,								
tons	1	(j)	(j)	272	.60	70	(1)	(l)
cOther Minerals carried,								
tons	3	(j)	(j)	86	111	26	(k) ·	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	12	(m) 200	(m) 137	145	58	38	(1)	(1)
cOther Goods carried ,,	118	4,963	1,966	1,301	693	466	(1)	(l)
cTotal Freight carried	134	5,163	2,103	1,804	922	600	253	10,979
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<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
(e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods.
(k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS-continued.

#### PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers,								
Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	202	3,353	1,693	1,197	395	335	66	7,241
cGoods, including live	00=	1 200	7 740	5 440	0.01	=00	100	10.050
stock and minerals £	365	4,280	1,742	2,440	961	736	128	10,652
cMiscellaneous £	165	(d) 433	300	(e)	109	37	13	
cTotal Revenue £	732	(f)8,066	3,735	3,637	1,465	1,108	207	18,950
eExpenditure £	563	5,795	3,163	2,769	1,249	930	(g) 239	14,708
cTrain-miles run	831	10,025	4,023	4,905	1,671	(h)1,583	(i) 566	23,604
Earnings per train-mile	17s. 7d.	16s.1d.	18s. 7d.	14s. 10d.	17s. 7d.	14s. 0d.	7s. 7d.	16s. 1d.
Expenditure per train-								
mile	13s. 7d.	11s. 7d.	15s. 9d.	11s. 4d.	14s. 11d.	11s. 9d.	8s. 10d.	12s. 6d.
Expenditure per cent. on								
Earnings %	76.95	71.85	84.67	76.15	85.25	83.96	116.03	77.62
cPassenger-journeys, No.	123	61.740	48,707	9,964	5,037	4,551	714	130,836
cCoal and Coke carried,								
tons	17	(j)	(j)	267	70	24	71	(1)
cOther Minerals carried,		(3)	(0)					` '
tons	10	(j)	(j)	87	101	20	(k)	(1)
cLive Stock carried, tons	14	(m) 200	(m) 129	161	59	13	6	582
cOther Goods carried ,,	109	4,524	1.730	1,236	761	227	161	8,748
cTotal Freight carried ,,	150	4,724	1.859	1.751	991	284	238	9,997
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(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.

(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.

(e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h, Includes Assistant and Light Miles.

(i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

## B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.		Year ende	ed June—		Quarter ended
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	September, 1944.
Registered Aircraft owners (b) No. Registered Aircraft(b) ,	120 202	119 192	(d) 128 (d) 184	116 185	116 185
Licensed Pilots—(b) Private ,, Commercial . , ,,	502 187	240 181	171 233	159 805	159 305
Licensed Ground Engineers(b) ,, Aerodromes—(b)	617	717	924	1,039	1,039
Government ,, Public ,, Government Emer-	79 212	72 207	69 207	69 206	69 206
gency Grounds, Hours flown, Approximate mileage Miles '000	79,164 9,700	116 69,302 8,925	96 58,185 7,517	78 84,274 10,802	78 23,231 3,008
Passengers carried No. Goods, Weight carried lb. '000 Mails, Weight carried(c) ,, '000	154,259 2,115 547	155,213 2,588 879	133,525 2,066 1,660	$\begin{array}{c} 235,775 \\ 3,132 \\ 2,815 \end{array}$	64,864 974 741
Accidents— Persons killed No.	3	18	4 3	1	7

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore oversea service, but excludes those relating to civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) At 30th June of year shown above each column. (c) Includes gross weight of oversea mail, i.e., includes weight of mail bags. (d) At 31st October, 1943.

Note: -Figures for flying operations during 1942-43 and later refer to the larger organizations only.

#### C .- Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942.	At 30th June, 1943.	At 30th June, 1944.	At 31st Dec., 1944.
Lines connected Instruments connected	 No. 525,547 720,321	No. 531,075 738,666	No. 540,261 766,846	No. 557,072 799,729	No. 566,175 812,543

#### D.-Motor Vehicles.

	N	o. of Reg	istration	s.		Gross Revenue.				
State or Territory.	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Ve- hicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Registra- tion and Motor	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences.	Miscel- laneous.	Total	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	

#### 1943-44.

				. La Para de la		1			
New South Wales	182,287	79,000	14,897	276,184	423,452	2,070,935	214,192	60,303	2,345,430
Victoria	136,842	89,354	17,965	244,161	337,171	1,440,104	84,299	80,308	1,604,71
Queensland	68,247	50,788	6,103	125,138	264,346	692,880	59,837	65,565	818,285
South Australia	57,366	24,008	6,553	87,927	109,117	510,297	54,115	12,741	577,153
Western Australia	30,370	22,791	4,327				23,081	34,157	383,017
Tasmania	16,730	6,321	2,583				13,674	20,557	215,249
Northern Territory	174	1,570	35	1,779	1,177	1,878	537		2,41
Australian Capital									
Territory	1,375	437	97	1,909	2,577	9,881	1,421	69	11,371
Total	493,391	274,269	52,560	820,220	1,235,608	5,232,772	451,156	273,700	5,957,628
Total, 1942-43	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,185,398	4,982,634	439,509	267,416	5,689,55

#### REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld. No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	N.T. No.	A.C.T. No.	Total. No.
Motor Cars	185,716	136,945	68,888	59,271	30,009	16,942	174	1,411	499,356
&c Motor Cycles	81,564 15,546	93,611 18,746	$52,346 \\ 6,151$	$24,906 \\ 7,139$		6,602 2,613		447 108	284,164 54,349
Total	282,826	249,302	127,385	91,316	(a)57,138	26,157	(b) 1,779	1,966	837,869
Total at 31st Dec., 1943	268,932	240,245	121,371	86,651	56,399	24,788	(c) 1,229	1,910	801,525

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 30th November, 1944. (c) At 30th June, 1943.

#### REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld. No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	A.C.T. No.	Total.
Motor Cars	138 1,532 7	212 1,320 58	11 848	19 371 3	20 293 59	15 188		415 4,552 127
Total (a)	1,677	1,590	. 859	393	(b) 372	203		5,094
Total. Six months ended Dec., 1943	1,985	1,963	1,354	626	678	268	5	6,879

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

#### E.-Wireless.

#### NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a) No.	Victoria.	Q'land. (h) No.	8. Aust. (c) No.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,785	49,910	1,419,793
	560,032	409,325	180,090	155,253	99,246	50,356	1,454,302
	560,717	407,828	181,273	155,717	99,983	50,058	1,455,576

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Papua. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

<sup>(</sup>b) At 30th June, 1944.

# Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics. TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia
			NÜMI	BER OF	SEPARA	CE UNIO	NS.			1
1939	200	149	1 114	117	141	79	1 4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
			]	NUMBER	OF BRA	NCHES.				
1939	598 1	398	312	1 178	204	69		1 1	1,780	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71		1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71		1	1.748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71		1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71		1	1,736	(b)2,151
				NUMBER	OF MEI	MBERS.				
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833 1	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406			1,204,863

<sup>(</sup>a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS. Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

					Unei	IPLOYED.
Period			Unions.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage
1940 Year			394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1043			395	536,660	20,013	3.7
10.10		• • •	394	613,534	9,754	1.6
0.10	•		390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1044			389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1932—June Quarter	(c)		396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1941March ,,			398	514,379	27,289	5.3
June ,,			395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September ,,			394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December ,,			394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942—March ,,			394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June ,,			394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September ,,			394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December ,,			394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March ,,			391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June ,,			390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September ,,		1	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December ,,			390	686,667	7,381	1.1
.944—March ,,			390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June ,,			389	683,463	9,433	1.4
September ,,			389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December ,,			389	674,695	7,925	1.2

<sup>(</sup>a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

(b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 72.

(c) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

## Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1940 Year 1941 ,, 1942 ,, 1943 ,, 1944 ,,	% 11.0 4.7 1.8 1.4 1.6	% 5.8 2.5 1.2 0.7 0.8	% 5.5 4.5 2.3 1.2 0.7	7.0 2.7 1.1 0.9 1.0	% 5.6 2.9 1.6 1.5	% 5.2 3.3 0.8 1.3 0.8	8.0 3.7 1.6 1.1
1932—June Quarter (b)	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1940—March ,, (c) September ,,	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March ,, June ,, September ,,	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March ,, June ,, September ,, December ,,	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March ,, June ,, September ,, December ,,	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March ,, June ,, September ,, December ,,	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

## Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

	1932.	19-	43.		19	14.	
Industrial Group.	June Qtr.(b)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
c. 4	% =	%	%	%	%	%	%
Ianufacturing— I. Wood, Furniture, &c	39.6	1.3	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.  III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c  IV. Glothing, Hats, Boots, &c.  V. Books, Printing, &c.  VI. Other Manufacturing  VII. Building  III. Mining, Quarrying, &c.  X. Land Transport other than	33.9 19.3 22.6 16.8 43.0 42.1 34.2	0.5 3.1 0.9 0.2 0.9 1.3 3.5	0.6 2.4 0.8 0.2 1.2 1.2 3.3	0.6 2.3 0.8 0.3 1.0 1.4 3.0	1.7 3.0 1.0 0.3 1.0 1.3 3.0	1.1 1.8 1.0 0.4 1.1 1.3 3.0	1.1 2.8 0.9 0.8 1.8 1.8
Railway and Tramway Services	29.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.0
X., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous	22.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6
All Groups	30.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.5

<sup>(</sup>a) See notes to table on page 50. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see p. 55

<sup>(</sup>a) See notes to table on page 50. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

## AUSTRALIA.-Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

	Total E	mployment	vage and	1			in Main			3.
Month.	Governmental Authorities.	Rural, Hestic and I Forces.)  Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.	Professional and Personal Services.
			M	ALES (The	ousands)					
1933—June	262.2	729.9		36.3	251.7	151.7	164.5	21	2.3	112.6
1939—July 1941—July Nov.	349.8 375.3 381.5	943.3 988.1 999.8	1,293.1 1,363.4 1,381.3	54.0 54.4 53.9	391.5 490.9 509.8	142.0 144.0 136.5	208.0 202.3 207.3	115.0 102.0 101.9	128.0 117.1 117.9	140.0 127.1 127.2
1942—July 1943—June Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1944—Mar. July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	420.3 412.5 411.5 411.5 410.9 409.1 408.5 404.0 400.9 400.6 400.3 397.6 396.9	888.1 861.4 857.2 856.3 859.8 862.0 866.4 866.9 866.0 867.3 868.6 868.8	1,308.4 1,273.9 1,269.7 1,267.8 1,270.7 1,271.0 1,272.1 1,274.9 1,266.9 1,267.9 1,268.9 1,266.4 1,270.5	47.7 45.0 44.7 44.6 44.7 44.6 44.2 44.2 44.2 44.2 44.2 44.5 44.5	513.2 520.7 518.7 517.5 518.2 516.3 512.9 515.8 515.1 514.3 513.1 512.2 510.8 509.9	116.8 91.3 91.6 91.7 91.1 90.8 89.4 84.1 77.8 76.3 73.8 73.5 73.6 73.3	205.3 205.1 205.8 205.9 207.2 207.7 207.4 210.3 212.6 213.2 215.6 215.8 214.6 217.1	79.4 71.4 70.3 70.0 69.8 70.2 72.6 70.7 71.1 71.6 71.7 72.1 73.4	96.6 88.8 88.1 87.4 88.0 88.8 89.1 90.9 91.3 90.4 91.3 92.3 92.6 93.8	111.8 106.5 106.6 107.0 107.6 108.2 109.0 110.6 111.6 112.0 112.9 113.6 114.1 114.6
#000 T	1 10 5 1	204.0		ALES (Th		Farmer Land College				
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87	'.3 	130.7
1939—July 1941—July Nov.	55.2 70.8 76.3	381.9 477.7 494.7	437.1 548.5 571.0	0.4 0.5 0.5	148.2 187.8 198.2	1.0 1.9 2.0	14.4 21.1 22.0	81.0 102.3 106.4	34.0 44.1 47.4	129.0 148.1 150.4
1942—July 1943—June Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1944—Mar. June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	102.4 129.2 134.4 133.6 134.1 134.4 134.4 129.9 129.3 129.0 127.6 126.5 124.8	496.5 502.1 501.3 503.2 505.8 506.9 507.4 506.6 504.0 505.9 507.1 508.9 509.1 513.1	598.9 631.3 635.7 636.8 639.9 641.3 641.5 641.0 633.9 635.2 636.1 636.5 637.9	0.6 0.5 0.6 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.6 0.6 0.7 0.7	212.4 228.6 227.7 227.3 227.1 226.3 224.2 222.6 215.3 214.7 214.2 213.4 211.1 211.2	2.1 2.3 2.4 2.3 2.4 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5	26.4 34.5 35.9 35.9 36.3 36.7 36.9 37.4 37.6 37.4 37.5	103.0 98.2 97.0 96.8 96.6 97.3 99.6 94.7 95.5 95.5 95.7 96.1	52.3 52.5 52.9 53.0 52.9 52.3 52.4 52.3 52.4 52.3 53.0 53.0	152.5 157.2 159.6 160.4 162.7 163.5 162.7 166.1 166.5 168.1 169.2 170.7 172.2
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	SONS (Th	ousands 354.8	).   152.4	175.5	299	a	049 9
1939—July 1941—July Nov.	405.0 446.1 457.8	1,325.2 1,465.8 1,494.5	1,730.2 1,911.9 1,952.3	54.4 54.9 54.4	539.7 678.7 708.0	143.0 145.9 138.5	222.4 223.4 229.3	196.0 204.3 208.3	162.0 161.2 165.3	243.3 269.0 275.2 277.6
.342—July 1943—June Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1944—Mar. June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	522.7 541.7 546.9 545.1 545.0 543.4 543.2 542.9 533.9 530.2 529.6 527.9 524.1 521.7	1,384.6 1,363.5 1,358.5 1,359.5 1,365.6 1,368.9 1,370.4 1,373.0 1,370.9 1,371.9 1,374.4 1,377.5 1,377.9 1,386.7	1,907.3 1,905.2 1,905.4 1,904.6 1,910.6 1,912.3 1,913.6 1,915.9 1,904.8 1,902.1 1,904.0 1,905.4 1,902.0 1,908.4	48.3 45.5 45.3 45.1 45.2 45.1 44.7 44.9 44.8 44.8 44.8 44.9 45.2 45.2 45.2	725.6 749.3 746.4 744.8 745.3 742.6 737.1 738.4 730.4 729.0 727.3 725.6 721.9	118.9 93.6 94.0 94.0 93.5 93.2 91.8 86.6 80.4 78.9 76.3 76.0 76.1	231.7 239.6 241.7 241.8 243.1 244.0 244.1 247.2 249.8 250.6 253.2 252.1 254.8	182.4 169.6 167.3 166.8 166.4 167.5 172.2 165.4 166.9 166.6 167.2 167.4 168.2 172.0	148.9 141.3 141.0 140.4 141.0 141.7 141.4 143.3 143.6 142.8 143.6 145.6 145.3	264.3 263.7 266.2 267.4 270.3 271.7 276.7 278.1 280.1 284.3 286.3 287.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1943, monthly figures are subject to revision. (d) Includes Allied Works Council projects. (e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

#### EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

									I	Australia		
		New			South	Western		Govern- mental	Other Fac-			dex 9=100.
Period.		South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	Aus- tralia.	Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	(Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	tories (includ- ing War Con- trac- tors).	Total Fac- tories.	Unad- justed.	Divided by Index of Total Popu- lation.
1928-29		174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1936–37 1937–38	::	197.8 215.6	183.0 193.6	45.9 49.6	39.3 42.6	21.4 22.0	11.8 12.5	$\frac{6.6}{7.4}$	492.6 528.5	499.2 535.9	116 124	108 115
1938-39 1939-40 1940-41 1941-42 1942-43 1943-44(b)	  	219.5 227.1 257.0 289.3 306.4 311.5	193.9 204.4 229.7 250.5 255.6 251.4	51.5 53.0 54.8 59.5 62.2 62.2	42.0 43.5 49.5 63.8 71.5 67.3	22.1 21.9 21.8 23.0 25.1 26.8	13.2 14.0 15.1 16.7 18.0 20.0	10.1 16.9 41.5 79.8 121.8 116.0	532.1 547.0 586.4 623.0 617.0 623.2	542.2 563.9 627.9 702.8 738.8 739.2	126 131 145 163 171 171	116 119 131 146 151 150
1943–44(b)— September December March June	:: :: ::	314.2 312.8 311.9 306.9	252.4 252.5 251.7 246.7	63.3 58.4 60.7 64.1	69.2 66.7 66.4 65.1	26.9 26.7 27.0 26.9	18.8 20.0 20.7 20.7	125.2 116.1 109.4 102.5	619.6 621.0 629.0 627.9	744.8 737.1 738.4 730.4	172 171 171 169	151 150 149 147
1944–45(b)— July August September October November	  	307.1 305.7 304.2 304.3 303.3	245.2 245.3 245.8 245.2 246.0	64.5 63.9 63.9 61.8 62.1	64.7 64.9 64.6 63.8 62.9	27.0 26.9 26.9 27.3 27.3	20.5 20.6 20.2 19.5 19.5	101.6 98.9 98.2 94.7 91.2	627.4 628.4 627.4 627.2 629.9	729.0 727.3 725.6 721.9 721.1	169 168 168 167 167	147 147 146 145 145

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged exclusively on aircraft and ship-building, but excludes private factories engaged partly on war contracts and partly on other work. (b) From July, 1943, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

#### EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

 ${\tt Pay-roll} \ \, {\tt Tax.-Employees} \ \, \text{on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers} \\ \text{whose principal activity was retail trade.}$ 

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
	MAL	es—Index	OF EMPLO	YMENT.			
Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	80,904
1941—July 1943—June 1944—June September October November	1,000 700 694 694 697 708	1,000 700 695 703 707 728	1,000 701 697 711 708 716	1,000 729 744 756 760 773	1,000 694 695 701 708 717	1,000 756 781 803 805 821	1,000 704 702 708 711 725
	FEMAI	LES—INDEX	K OF EMPL	OYMENT.			
Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	76,544
1941—July 1943—June 1944—June September October November	1,000 951 911 912 920 945	1,000 937 909 902 902 923	1,000 1,019 1,022 1,021 1,024 1,045	1,000 959 977 978 995 1,027	1,000 974 961 965 964 984	1,000 988 994 998 1,004 1,021	1,000 958 935 934 939 962
	PERSO	ons—Index	X OF EMPL	OYMENT.			
Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	157,448
1941—July	1,000 826 802 803 808 826	1,000 814 798 799 801 822	1,000 842 841 848 848 862	1,000 843 860 867 877 899	1,000 835 829 834 837 851	1,000 860 877 891 895 911	1,000 827 815 818 822 840

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

	Period		Estab- lish-	Workp	eople Inv	olved.	Worki	ng Days Lo	ost.	Esti- mated
	Period	Num- ber.	ments In- volved.	Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	Loss in Wages.
				NEW	SOUTH	WALES	١.			
Year-	-1943 .	. 689	2,771	250,754	5,623	256,377	720,275	76,236	796,511	971,069
1943- 1944-	Sept. Qt Dec. , March June , Sept. ,	134 205 200	481 150 221 237 279	49,261 33,699 57,529 50,084 56,805	1,239 3,141 1,825 698 3,181	50,500 36,840 59,354 50,782 59,986	162,184 155,798 202,098 99,363 136,711	14,400  745 5,350	176,584 155,798 202,843 104,713 136,711	207,373 208,136 277,389 132,517 173,039
					VICTOR	RIA.				
Year-	-1943 .	. 40	1,070	19,042	217	19,259	61,902	14,784	76,686	65,409
	Sept. Qt Dec. —March June Sept.	8 10 15	· 12 14 28 18 23	2,480 1,083 4,828 1,445 4,126	150 38 150 	2,630 1,121 4,978 1,445 4,210	13,421 7,173 33,574 4,744 16,214	9,408  1,260	22,829 7,173 33,574 4,744 17,474	15,765 6,073 34,909 3,823 17,404
				Q	UEENS	LAND.				
Year-	—1943	20	114	8,990	302	9,292	54,699	4,196	58,895	62,629
	Sept. Qt Dec. , March , June , Sept. ,	, 8 6 4	2 19 7 4 9	2,113 2,959 2,245 1,809 1,449	::	2,113 2,959 2,245 1,809 1,449	5,243 15,442 10,560 15,601 4,101	580 3,616 	5,823 19,058 10,560 15,601 4,101	6,682 20,652 14,082 17,724 4,146
				sou	TH AUS	TRALIA				
Year-	1943	24	442	7,602	841	8,443	19,420	1	19,420	13,490
	-March , June ,	, 11 , 7	4 14 48 11 8	613 3,905 5,645 2,539 8,985	775 	679 4,680 5,645 2,582 12,172	2,229 10,090 51,056 3,679 19,160		2,229 10,090 51,056 3,679 19,160	1,271 6,693 55,463 3,628 19,523
				WESTI	ERN AU	STRALL	Α.			
Year-	1943	10	82	1,594	950	2,544	37,248	1,190	38,438	40,73
	Dec. —March	tr. 1 6 4 4 4 12	1 6 4 11 25	130 563 1,454 506 2,521	950 2,900	130 1,513 4,354 506 2,538	130 29,199 5,076 4,436 7,864	.:. 45,000 .:.	130 29,199 50,076 4,436 7,864	183 30,34 48,24 5,80 7,83
					TASMA	NIA.				
Year-	1943	2	2	46	142	188	201		201	17
1943-	—Sept. Q Dec. —March	tr	··· i 1 1	49 114 18		 49 114 18	 49 228 198	:: :: ::	 49 228 198	25
					AUSTR	ALIA.				
Year	1943	785	4,481	288,028	8,075	296,103	893,745	96,406	990,151	1,153,50
	Dec. —March June	tr. 188 167 ., 233 ., 235 ., 256	500 203 309 282 345	54,597 42,209 71,750 56,497 73,904	4,904 4,875 7 741	76,625 57,238	183,207 217,702 302,413 128,051 184,248	45,745 5,350	221,318 348,158 133,401	271,90 430,14 163,75

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	125/10 44.00 2/104	$ \begin{array}{c} 120/6 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/8\frac{3}{4} \end{array} $	119/5 44.00 2/8½	115/1 44.00 2/7½	$ \begin{array}{r} 117/11 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/8\frac{1}{4} \end{array} $	$115/2$ $44.00$ $2/7\frac{1}{2}$	121/0 44.00 2/9
II. Engineering, Metal {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 122/11 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/9\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$120/4$ $44.00$ $2/8\frac{3}{4}$	120/9 44.00 2/9	$115/10$ $44.11$ $2/7\frac{1}{2}$	$124/11 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/10$	119/9 $44.00$ $2/83$	$ \begin{array}{c c} 121/1 \\ 44.01 \\  & 2/9 \end{array} $
III. Food, Drink, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 120/1 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/8\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	118/0 44.04 2/8‡	$115/2$ $43.44$ $2/7\frac{3}{4}$	$116/1 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/7\frac{3}{4}$	$118/3$ $44.13$ $2/8\frac{1}{4}$	$112/2$ $44.00$ $2/6\frac{1}{2}$	$\begin{array}{c} 117/10 \\ 43.91 \\ 2/8\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	117/5 44.00 2/8	$118/9$ $44.00$ $2/8\frac{1}{2}$	$123/6$ $44.00$ $2/9\frac{3}{4}$	$123/6$ $44.00$ $2/9\frac{3}{4}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 119/5 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/8\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$114/8$ $44.00$ $2/7\frac{1}{4}$	$119/0$ $44.00$ $2/8\frac{1}{2}$
V. Books, Printing, &c {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 135/7 \\ 43.49 \\ 3/1\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	136/2 41.91 3/3	$125/7$ $42.28$ $2/11\frac{3}{4}$	$128/1 \\ 43.56 \\ 2/11\frac{1}{4}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 145/3 \\ 42.76 \\ 3/4\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	$128/6$ $43.35$ $2/11\frac{1}{2}$	$ \begin{array}{c c} 134/3 \\ 42.77 \\ 3/1\frac{3}{4} \end{array} $
VI. Other Manufacturing {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	120/6 43.89 2/9	$\begin{array}{c} 118/1 \\ 43.90 \\ 2/8\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$	$115/2$ $43.78$ $2/7\frac{1}{2}$	$115/11 \\ 43.71 \\ 2/7\frac{3}{4}$	118/3 44.08 2/84	$115/1$ $43.91$ $2/7\frac{1}{2}$	148/7 43.87 2/8½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 132/6 \\ 43.65 \\ 3/0\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	132/3 44.00 3/0	120/2 40.00 3/0	$119/0$ $44.00$ $2/8\frac{1}{2}$	$125/11$ $44.00$ $2/10\frac{1}{4}$	$122/0$ $44.00$ $2/9\frac{1}{4}$	$129/0$ $43.42$ $2/11\frac{3}{4}$
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 128/4 \\ 40.70 \\ 3/1\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	$122/0 \\ 40.47 \\ 3/0 \\ 4$	$128/7$ $40.93$ $3/1\frac{3}{4}$	$94/0$ $43.79$ $2/1\frac{3}{4}$	$b136/7 \\ 40.50 \\ 3/4\frac{1}{2}$	114/3 41.33 2/9‡	126/7 40.80 3/1‡
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	123/9 43.80 2/10	$122/10$ $43.74$ $2/9\frac{3}{4}$	$120/2$ $44.00$ $2/8\frac{3}{4}$	$114/6$ $44.00$ $2/7\frac{1}{4}$	$\begin{array}{c} 119/0 \\ 43.75 \\ 2/8\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 111/9 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$121/5$ $43.83$ $2/9\frac{1}{4}$
X. Other Land Transport {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 114/6 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/7\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c c} 111/4 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/6\frac{1}{4} \end{array} $	$110/6$ $44.00$ $2/6\frac{1}{4}$	$\begin{array}{c} 106/7 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 116/4 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/7\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	$104/8$ $44.00$ $2/4\frac{1}{2}$	$112/1$ $44.00$ $2/6\frac{1}{2}$
XI. Shipping, &c	Weekly Wage d Working Hours Hourly Wage	122/8	123/4 	119/11 	121/4 .:	121/10 	121/6 	122/2
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, {	Weekly Wage e Working Hours Hourly Wage	119/6	118/0 	118/8	116/6	117/10 	122/2	118/9 
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e Working Hours Hourly Wage e	$\begin{array}{c} 111/9 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 112/6 \\ 44.33 \\ 2/6\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$105/8$ $44.00$ $2/4\frac{3}{4}$	$102/8 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/4$	$107/1$ $44.80$ $2/4\frac{3}{4}$	$101/0$ $44.00$ $2/3\frac{1}{2}$	$109/9$ $44.17$ $2/5\frac{3}{4}$
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c c} 116/7 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/7\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 115/8 \\ 44.67 \\ 2/7 \end{array}$	$109/4$ $44.00$ $2/5\frac{3}{4}$	$107/6 \\ 44.65 \\ 2/5$	$\begin{bmatrix} 114/0 \\ 44.00 \\ 2/7 \end{bmatrix}$	$108/8$ $43.77$ $2/5\frac{3}{4}$	$114/1 \\ 44.26 \\ 2/7$
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	121/3	119/4	117/2	113/3	121/6	115/9	119/3
All Groups except XI. and XII.(a)	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c c} 121/7 \\ 43.53 \\ 2/9\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$119/6$ $43.91$ $2/8\frac{3}{4}$	$116/6 \\ 43.18 \\ 2/8\frac{1}{4}$	$111/9$ $44.21$ $2/6\frac{1}{4}$	122/3 43.16 2/10	$112/9$ $43.39$ $2/7\frac{1}{4}$	$119/3$ $43.62$ $2/8\frac{3}{4}$

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted average. (b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry. (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage b Working Hours Hourly Wage b	61/5 44.00 1/48 72/0 44.00 1/78 70/2 44.00 1/74 65/4 43.38 1/6	64/9 44.00 1/5\frac{3}{4} 73/2 44.00 1/8 75/1 44.00 1/8\frac{1}{4} 71/7 44.00 1/7\frac{1}{4}	$ \begin{array}{r} 1/4\frac{1}{4} \\ 75/3 \\ 44.00 \\ 1/8\frac{1}{2} \\ 65/0 \end{array} $	$44.00$ $1/3\frac{1}{4}$ $75/3$ $44.00$ $1/8\frac{1}{2}$ $65/3$	44.00 1/23 63/6 44.00 1/51  68/6	$\frac{1/5\frac{3}{4}}{71/10}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 44.00 \\ 1/5 \\ 72/9 \\ 44.00 \\ 1/7\frac{3}{4} \end{array} $
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	77/0 44.00 1/9	$79/5$ $45.00$ $1/9\frac{1}{4}$	$78/5$ $44.00$ $1/9\frac{1}{2}$	55/8			$75/10$ $44.36$ $1/8\frac{1}{2}$
All Groups (a) {	Weekiy Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	71/3 43.88 1/7½	73/11 44.19 1/8	73/4 44.00 1/8	65/4 43.99 1/53	44.00	66/8 44.00 1/64	71/9 44.03 1/7½

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th September, 1944.

emo	. AA S	rge muex	-num	Jers, 191	14 10 30	ın sepi	emper,	1944.		
D	ate.			N.S.W.	Vie.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
		ADU	LT MA	LES—R	ATES O	F WAG	E.			
31st December, 1914 " " 1939 " " 1940 " " 1941 " " 1942 " " 1943 31st March, 1944 30th June, 1944 30th September, 1944				\$. d. 56 2 96 7 99 7 105 4 118 3 121 3 121 2 121 2 121 3	s. d. 54 7 94 0 97 0 104 5 116 7 119 7 118 9 1118 8 1119 4	# . d.   53   5   97   5   97   9   101   9   110   2   116   10   116   11   116   11   117   2	\$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc	\$. d. 62 10 100 6 104 0 110 2 117 7 122 2 120 11 121 3 121 6	s. d. 52 8 89 5 92 7 99 3 108 2 116 9 116 2 116 5 115 9	5. d. 55 7 95 3 98 1 104 3 115 8 119 5 119 0 119 0
ADULT M	ALE	S—INDEX	-NUM	BERS.—	(BASE-	-51s. 3D	(a) IN	1911 =	1,000.)	
31st December, 1914 " 1939 " 1940 " 1941 " 1942 " 1943 " 1943 31st March, 1944 30th June, 1944 30th September, 1944		::		1,096 1,885 1,943 2,056 2,308 2,366 2,364 2,364 2,366	1,065 1,825 1,892 2,037 2,275 2,333 2,317 2,315 2,329	1,042 1,900 1,908 1,985 2,150 2,279 2,281 2,282 2,286	1,062 1,735 1,812 1,957 2,189 2,219 2,211 2,211 2,210	1,226 1,962 2,029 2,149 2,294 2,383 2,360 2,365 2,371	1,028 1,745 1,807 1,937 2,111 2,279 2,267 2,271 2,259	1,085 1,858 1,913 2,034 2,257 2,329 2,322 2,322 2,327
31st December, 1914 " 1939 " 1940 " 1941 " 1942 " 1943 31st March, 1944 30th June, 1944 30th September, 1944		ABULT	r Figm	## ALES—    \$. d.     26 10     53 3     54 9     57 11     63 10     67 11     70 2     70 4     71 3	\$. d. 27 9 51 9 53 5 58 4 64 11 70 2 73 0 72 10 73 11	#. d. 27 1 55 2 56 0 59 6 66 4 69 9 73 5 73 3 73 4	3. d. 24 1 49 7 52 1 55 5 60 3 61 3 65 6 65 4 65 4	s. d. 37 4 55 8 57 6 60 4 64 2 66 6 65 9 65 9 65 10	8. d. 25 10 50 8 53 1 56 7 61 3 63 3 66 9 66 7 66 8	s. d. 27 5 52 8 54 3 58 2 64 4 68 4 71 1 71 0 71 9
ADULT FEMAL	ES—	INDEX-N	UMBE:	RS.—(BA	ASE-27	s. 2D. (a)	IN AP	RIL, 191	4 = 1,0	000.)
81st December, 1914 " 1039 " 1940 " 1941 " 1942 " 1943 31st March, 1944 30th June, 1944 30th September, 1944		: :: :: ::		987 1,960 2,016 2,133 2,350 2,501 2,582 2,588 2,622	1,022 1,906 1,966 2,148 2,391 2,582 2,688 2,682 2,720	996 2,031 2,060 2.191 2,442 2,568 2,703 2,697 2,699	885 1,826 1,916 2,038 2,216 2,253 2,412 2,406 2,406	1,373 2,049 2,116 2,220 2,361 2,446 2,419 2,419 2,422	950 1,866 1,954 2,082 2,255 2,329 2,456 2,450 2,453	1,006 1,938 1,996 2,141 2,368 2,516 2,616 2,614 2,642

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted average for Australia.

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

#### Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

	Basic	Wage.		
State.	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rete).
Victoria(c)	£ s. d. (a) 4 19 0 (4.18.0) (d) 4 17 0 4 14 0 4 19 11 (4.14 0)	£ s. d. (a) 2 13 6 (2.13.0) 2 14 6 2 6 2 2 13 11 (2.11.0)	1.11.43 (1.8.44) 2.8.43 15.10.42 1.7.44 (1.11.44)	(b) (c) Man, wife and three children (c) Man, wife and two children (c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 2s. 0d.; Females, £2 15s. 0d.; Misewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Bastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.44 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 1d.; Females, £2 17s. 10d.; and from 30.10.44 for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 0s. 9d.; Females £2 14s. 5d.

# Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st February, 1944,	1st May, 1944.	1st August, 1944.	1st November, 1944.	1st February. 1945.
Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart	 s. d. 99 0 97 0 93 0 93 0 93 0 94 0	s. d. 99 0 97 0 93 0 93 0 93 0 94 0	s. d. 99 0 98 0 93 0 93 0 93 0 93 0	s. d. 99 0 98 0 93 0 93 0 94 0 94 0	s. d. 99 0 98 0 93 0 93 0 93 0 94 0
Six Capitals	 96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

## Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

		1939.		19	40.	19	41.	19	42.	194	13.
State.		Awards or Determina-	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements fled.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Commonwealth Court Commonwealth Public vice Arbitrator	   Ser-	64 173 50 18 20 18 31	17 25 7 25 25 21	70 170 34 53 31 18 25	22  45 7 21 	65 262 53 167 30 21 7	49  16 8 18  3	72 202 27 160 19 19 52	23 29 12 19 	24 129 17 44 6 20 44	11 35 7 14 17
Total		375	95	402	108	610	94	555	103	287	84

<sup>(</sup>a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

## Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 61.

#### Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

Note.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

							1943.		19	944.	
CITY.	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.

#### GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED-FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney		553	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,015	1,019	1,025	1,035	1,022
Melbourne		523	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,037	1,039	1,047	1,063	1,046
Brisbane		 569	889	911	972	975	965	950	968	967	964	959
Adelaide		 570	900	905	1,012	1,003	993	985	989	995	999	988
Perth		 753	949							1,057		
Hobart		 592	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,058	1,029	1,026	1,044	1,039
Weighted	d Average	 559	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,015	1,020	1,026	1,036	1,022

#### GROUP IV.—Housing (b)—4 and 5 Rooms.

G1		701	1.042	1.049	1.043	1.042	1,043	1.049	1.049	1,043	1.043	1,043
	•			,	975	974	974	974	974	974	973	973
Melbourne .		 569	969	975		Charles State Control of the						
Brisbane .		 373	857	860	862	862	863	862	863	863	863	863
Adelaide .		 706	892	893	893	893	892	893	892	892	892	892
Perth .		 524	882	883	885	885	886	885	886	886		886
Hobart .		 452	933	933	933	931	932	931	931	931	932	933
Weighted	Average	 612	973	976	976	975	976	975	976	976	975	975

#### ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney			606	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,023	1,026	1,030		
Melbourne			539	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,010			1,026	
Brisbane			500	875	889	927	929	923	914	925	924	922	919
Adelaide			618	895	899	963	958	951	947	949	953	955	948
Perth			672	921	941	971	989	987	980	984		994	983
Hobart			542	938	953	1,000	1,009	992	1,006	988	987	- 998	995
Weighted	Average	٠.	578	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	997	1,000	1,004	1,010	1,002

<sup>(</sup>a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 61.

# Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms). ("B" Series.)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

							1943.		194	4.	
State and Town.	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept., Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
New South Wales—											
Sydney	606	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,023	1,026	1,030	1,036	1,02
Newcastle	1	950	959	1,005	1,000	987	985	988	987	990	98
Broken Hill		953	991	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,045	1,049	1,050	1,062	1,05
Goulburn		950	957	1,009	1,007	999	994	1,001	999	1,000	99
Bathurst		908	910	957	953	951	940	945	952	956	95
Weighted Average(a)		980	988	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,020	1,023	1,026	1,032	1,02
Victoria—											
Melbourne	539	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1;010	1,011	1,016	1,026	1,01
Ballarat		843	841	894	908	907	899	899	906	916	90
Bendigo	1	864	868	920	923	923	916	918	921	930	92
Geelong		915	912	956	962	958	950	951	957	968	95
Warrnambool		944	941	984	993	995	979	979	990	1,006	1,00
Weighted $Average(a)$		946	946	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,001	1,002	1,008	1,017	1,00
Queensland—											
Brisbane	500	875	889	927	929	923	914	925	924	922	91
Toowoomba		849	857	913	927	945	934	945	946	943	94
Rockhampton		854	863	901	904	908	900	909	911	907	90
Townsville		925		974	970	975	962	973	976	975	97
Bundaberg		817	835	878	888	886	878	887	889	884	- 88
Weighted Average $(a)$		873	886	926	928	926	916	927	927	925	92
South Australia-											
Adelaide	618	895	899	963	958	951	947	949	953	955	94
Kadina, &c		739		789	784	776	776	775	776	778	77
Port Pirie		877		943		923	918	920	925	927	92
Mount Gambier		828	And the second second	879	0	001			879	893	89
Peterborough		895				922	912	913	919	931	92
Weighted Average $(a)$		888	892	955	950	944	939	941	945	948	94
WESTERN AUSTRALIA-			0.17	077						004	000
Perth, &c	672			971	000				988	994	98
Kalgoorlie, &c		1,184				1 -,					
Northam		946			, , , , ,				1		99
Bunbury Geraldton		979			-,	1 /		1,003		$\begin{vmatrix} 1,018 \\ 1,089 \end{vmatrix}$	
	• • •	995			-,	1					
Weighted Average(a)		943	964	988	1,001	1,000	992	996	1,000	1,006	96
TASMANIA			000	1 000	1 000	000	1 000	000	00=	998	99
Hobart	542								100000000000000000000000000000000000000		95
Launceston		901								958	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
Burnie		914				000					1
Devonport		882			10000000			1.5	913	1,011	1,01
	1	942			1	1,004					
Weighted Average (a) Weighted Average for 30		923									
towns		945	952	1,001	1,005	998	992	995	998	1,004	95
Weighted Average 6		0.00	000	1 00=		1 000	00=	1 000	1.004	1 010	1.00
Capital Cities	578	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	997	1,000	1,004	1,010	1,00
Warwick (Q.) (c)		799	817	856	872	886	871	880	888	887	88
Port Augusta (c)		878				914	902				
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c)		1 028	1,028	1 078	1 073	1 058	1 058	1.061	1.057	1.060	1.0

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

	1914.		19	13.			19	44.		Per- cent- age
State and Town.			Month.				Month.			in- creas
	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec. Qtr.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Dec. Qtr.	July 1914 to Dec. 1944
New South Wales— Sydney Newcastle Broken Hill Goulburn Bathurst	645 642 821 661 613	1,021 1,045 1,235 1,070 1,006	1,013 1,041 1,236 1,068 1,003	1,010 1,041 1,239 1,073 1,005	1,015 1,042 1,236 1,070 1,005	1,027 1,045 1,255 1,077 1,026	1,020 1,037 1,257 1,075 1,026	1,018 1,033 1,266 1,073 1,025	1,022 1,039 1,259 1,075 1,025	57.8 60.9 54.2 62.3 67.2
Bathurst Weighted Average $(b)$	652	1,028	1,020	1,017	1,022	1,033	1,027	1,025	1,028	57.2
VICTORIA—  Melbourne  Ballarat  Bendigo  Geelong  Warmambool	619 617 619 609 608	1,042 1,028 1,038 1,000 1,020	1,035 1,025 1,033 992 1,006	1,033 1,017 1,024 990 1,008	1,037 1,023 1,032 994 1,011	1,053 1,046 1,043 1,010 1,050	1,041 1,034 1,036 999 1,051	1,043 1,036 1,037 996 1,051	1,046 1,039 1,039 1,001 1,051	68.5 67.5 67.5 63.5 72.5
Weighted Average $(b)$	618	1,040	1,033	1,030	1,034	1,051	1,039	1,041	1,044	68.4
QUEENSLAND— Brisbane Toowoomba Rockhampton Townsville Bundaberg	591 582 646	952 986 987 1,023 1,020	948 985 988 1,025 1,013	951 986 989 1,034 1,012	950 985 988 1,027 1,015	961 1,000 997 1,054 1,021	957 1,003 997 1,047 1,023	958 1,005 999 1,047 1,025	959 1,003 998 1,049 1,023	62.1 72.5 54.6
. Weighted Average $(b)$	605	964	960	964	962	974	971	972	972	60.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA— Adelaide Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroc Port Pirie Mount Gambier Peterborough	699 688 722 595 749	986 1,028 1,054 976 1,016	984 1,032 1,053 972 1,015	984 1,031 1,052 973 1,017	985 1,030 1,053 974 1,016	989 1,027 1,057 1,020 1,039	986 1,026 1,057 1,003 1,037	989 1,025 1,056 1,006 1,039	988 1,026 1,056 1,010 1,038	41.4 49.0 46.3 69.3
Weighted Average $(b)$	697	989	988	988	989	993	991	993	992	42.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA— Perth and Fremantle Kalgoorlie and Boulder Northam Bunbury Geraldton	749 931  793 808	1,045 1,161 1,054 1,014 1,088	1,044 1,164 1,053 1,014 1,088	1,046 1,163 1,054 1,017 1,089	1,045 1,163 1,054 1,015 1,088	1,056 1,183 1,063 1,035 1,085	1,045 1,186 1,053 1,030 1,069	1,046 1,186 1,054 1,029 1,069	1,049 1,185 1,057 1,031 1,074	39.7 27.4 29.3 32.3
Weighted Average (b)	790	1,054	1,053	1,055	1,054	1,005	1,050	1,050	1,059	
Hobart	678 640  735	1,072 1,026 1,095 1,072 1,143	1,069 1,010 1,094 1,069 1,141	1,034 990 1,081 1,030 1,115	1,058 1,009 1,090 1,057 1,133	1,048 998 1,026 1,028 1,152	1,049 998 1,025 1,027 1,157	1,019 974 1,004 1,001 1,129	1,039 990 1,018 1,019 1,146	50. 52.  53.
Weighted Average (b)	672	1,061	1,054	1,024	1,047	1,034	1,036	1,008	1,026	50.
Weighted Average for— 30 Towns	651	1,023	1,018	1,015	1,019	1,030	1,023	1,023	1,025	57.
Weighted Average for— 6 Capital Cities	645	1,020	1,014	1,012	1,015	1,027	1,020	1,019	1,022	58.
a) Lithgow (N)	605	1,047 1,018 964 1,041 1,166 1,109	1,044 1,018 966 1,044 1,160 1,109	1,042 1,019 963 1,040 1,143 1,107	1,044 1,018 964 1,042 1,156 1,108	1,068 1,069 985 1,055 1,136 1,108	1,064 1,058 985 1,050 1,136 1,098	1,057 1,055 986 1,050 1,108 1,102	1,063 1,061 985 1,052 1,127 1,102	63.

<sup>(</sup>a) Not included in weighted averages above. (b) Five towns.

#### THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

	1	-									
State and Town.	1938.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1943.		1	944.	
				20.2	1010.		Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES— Sydney Newcastle Broken Hill Goulburn Bathurst	913 877 940 893 860	974 945 981 949 923	1,028 997 1,049 1,005 974	1,107 1,069 1,132 1,087 1,050	1,151 1,109 1,172 1,125 1,091	1,144 1,094 1,179 1,118 1,088	1,143 1,098 1,175 1,116 1,082	1,143 1,097 1,175 1,118 1,085	1,143 1,089 1,174 1,119 1,086	1,146 1,093 1,184 1,117 1,090	1,142 1,095 1,184 1,116 1,089
Weighted Average $(b)$	911	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,139	1,139	1,142	1,138
VIOTORIA— Melbourne Ballarat . Bendigo . Geelong . Warrnambool	896 850 854 884 892	964 906 920 941 954	1,008 950 963 984 998	1,100 1,037 1,054 1,065 1,078	1,139 1,084 1,096 1,110 -1,126	1,135 1,083 1,101 1,112 1,129	1,128 1,075 1,094 1,100 1,115	1,129 1,074 1,095 1,103 1,115	1,133 1,082 1,101 1,112 1,122	1,140 1,087 1,104 1,118 1,138	1,138 1,087 1,102 1,116 1,140
Weighted Average $(b)$	893	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,125	1,125	1,129	1,136	1,134
QUEENSLAND— Brisbane Toowoomba Rockhampton Townsville Bundaberg	852 843 853 902 831	908 898 905 950 879	963 951 959 1,004 938	1,033 1,033 1,032 1,075 1,015	1,072 1,080 1,073 1,114 1,057	1,071 1,085 1,074 1,117 1,057	1,068 1,083 1,073 1,113 1,053	1,072 1,087 1,075 1,116 1,056	1,072 1,085 1,076 1,119 1,060	1,071 1,084 1,074 1,117 1,057	1,069 1,084 1,071 1,116 1,056
Weighted Average $(b)$	854	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,075	1.072	1.075	1,076	1,075	1,073
SOUTH AUSTRAINA— Adelaide Kadina, &c. Port Pirie Mount Gambier Peterborough	888 786 868 849 868	936 833 919 894 924	988 882 976 946 974	1,075 962 1,057 1,024 1,053	1,102 998 1,087 1,061 1,087	1,098 995 1,081 1,064 1,087	1,099 998 1,081 1,056 1,083	1,098 996 1,081 1,057 1,083	1,096 992 1,077 1,057 1,082	1,101 995 1,084 1,071 1,095	1,098 996 1,080 1,070 1,089
Weighted Average(b)	883	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,094	1,093	1,091	1,096	1,093
WESTERN AUSTRALIA— Perth, &c. Kalgoorlie, &e. Northam Bunbury Geraldton	882 1,048 900 914 957	932 1,099 947 962 990	993 1,165 1,017 1,018 1,055	1,061 1,175 1,079 1,065 1,114	1,104 1,192 1,111 1,102 1,165	1,105 1,199 1,113 1,110 1,176	1,100 1,189 1,107 1,097 1,171	1,102 1,193 1,109 1,104 1,174	1,103 1,195 1,113 1,109 1,177	1,110 1,204 1,118 1,118 1,118	1,104 1,203 1,110 1,110 1,168
Weighted Average(b)	897	946	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,108	1,110	1,112	1,118	1,112
TABMANIA— Hobart Launceston Burnie Devonport Queenstown	887 872 865 848 875	945 926 917 896 936	1,001 974 971 951 987	1,078 1,040 1,035 1,012 1,045	1,117 1,078 1,088 1,058 1,096	1,105 1,067 1,065 1,040 1,102	1,117 1,076 1,089 1,056 1,098	1,105 1,067 1,076 1,040 1,095	1,100 1,061 1,056 1,031 1,096	1,110 1,072 1,069 1,045 1,110	1,106 1,067 1,059 1,042 1,108
Weighted Average(b)	879	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,089	1,100	1,089	1,083	1,094	1,089
Weighted Average for 30 Towns Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities	894 <b>897</b>	954 <b>957</b>	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,122 1,126	1,120	1,120	1,121 1,125	1,125 1,129	1,122 1,126
Warwick (Q.)(c) Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) Canberra (A.C.T.) (c)	800 863	867 915 988	926 980 1,040	1,007 1,052 1,121	1,055 1,076 1,168	1,061 1,076 1,153	1,057 1,070 1,159	1,059 1,070 1,160	1,062 1,070 1,150	1,063 1,085 1,152	1,061 1,080 1,149

<sup>(</sup>a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Five towns.

## RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1944.

(Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscell- aneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year— 1914 (b)	641 842 812 836 861	649 659 665 685 722	644 777 760 782 812	754 792 881 992 1,097	749 786 802 882 972	687 782 795 847 905
1919 (b)	1,026 1,209 950 945 1,009	768 851 877 929 950	934 1,082 924 939 988	1,238 1,365 1,246 1,052 1,045	1,036 1,194 1,010 999 999	1,022 1,166 1,013 975 1,003
1924	969 998 1,023 1,000 985	988 1,008 1,026 1,030 1,066	975 1,002 1,024 1,011 1,014	1,003 991 986 975 997	1,004 992 998 1,008 1,010	987 997 1,011 1,002 1,009
1929	1,044 941 826 796 751	1,073 1,047 901 817 804	1,054 978 852 803 768	996 951 853 804 787	1,007 999 973 958 950	1,033 975 873 830 804
1934 1935 1936 1937	783 806 825 851 886	810 839 879 912 942	792 818 844 872 906	785 783 792 811 829	944 946 947 960 961	817 832 850 873 897
1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944	927 939 947 1,031 1,037 1,026	965 973 976 976 975 976	939 950 956 1,007 1,011 1,004	1,308 1,440	962 998 1,060 1,112 1,160 1,165	920 95' 1,000 1,09 1,13 1,12
Quarter— 1939—March June September December	920	959 963 967 969	938 936	836 836	960 961 961 967	91 91 91 92
1941—March June September . December .	. 939	976 976	951 949	1,104 1,128	1,073	99 1,00 1,00 1,02
1942—March June September December June	. 1,025 . 1,055	976	3 1,003 3 1,025	3 1,285 2 1,342	1,099 1,110 1,144	1,05 1,08 1,10 1,12
1943—March . June . September .	. 1,040 1,058	975 3 975 3 975	5 1,025 5 1,016	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1,158 1,165 1,168	1,12 1,14 1,13 1,15
1944—March .	. 1,020 . 1,026 . 1,036 . 1,025	970 3 970 3 970 3 970 2 97	$ \begin{array}{c cc} 6 & 1,00 \\ 5 & 1,01 \\ 5 & 1,00 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c cc} 4 & 1,429 \\ 0 & 1,433 \\ 2 & 1,445 \end{array}$	1,165 3 1,164 2 1,163	1,12 1,12 1,12

<sup>(</sup>a) The Index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923–27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) November.

# NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

Article.	Unit.		SYDNEY.			NEWCAST	LE.	В.	ROKEN HI		1	Goulbur			BATHURST	
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.— Bread Flour, ordinary , self-raising Tea Sugar Rice (Australian) (a) Sago (a). Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried (a) Peaches, canned Pears, canned Salmon, in tins (a) Potatoes Onions, brown (a) Soap Kerosene Dairy Produce—	2 lb.  "" lb. "" 1½ lb. 2 lb. "" 30 oz.  lb. 7 lb. 1lb. "" quart	d. 5.84 5.00 8.20 27.00 4.00 3.50 6.63 13.60 7.00 13.56 14.43 8.66 3.57 6.86 6.22	d. 5.84 5.00 8.20 27.00 4.00 3.50 6.63 13.60 7.00 13.56 14.44 22.33 8.66 6.22	d. 5.84 5.00 8.20 27.00 4.00 3.50 6.63 13.60 7.00 13.56 14.43 8.66 3.92 3.92 6.86 6.22	d. 6.00 4.79 8.57 27.43 4.36 3.79 7.13 14.93 4.00 11.00 11.00 17.75 13.43 14.43 22.50 8.58 3.80 6.86 6.71	d. 6.00 4.79 8.57 27.43 4.36 3.79 7.13 14.93 4.00 11.00 17.75 13.43 14.43 22.50 8.58 3.58 6.86, 6.71	d. 6.00 4.79 8.57 27.43 4.36 3.79 7.13 14.93 4.00 13.20 10.93 17.75 13.50 14.43 22.50 8.58 3.58 6.86 6.71	d. 7,00 5,00 9,07 27,86 4,90 4,64 8,80 14,00 9,79 4,42 13,21 11,58 18,00 15,92 15,92 20,83 12,50 3,92 7,67	d. 7.00 5.00 9.07 27.86 4.90 4.64 8.80 14.00 9.79 4.46 13.29 11.75 18.00 16.08 20.83 12.50 4.00 7.67	d. 7.00 5.00 9.07 27.86 4.90 4.64 8.80 14.00 9.71 4.46 13.14 11.67 18.00 16.00 20.83 11.74 3.83 7.67 7.76	d. 6.25 5.00 8.80 27.50 4.50 4.50 7.67 15.60 8.10 4.10 13.67 11.10 15.50 14.00 23.00 7.43 7.33	d. 6.25 5.00 8.90 27.50 4.50 4.50 7.67 15.60 8.10 4.10 13.67 11.10 15.50 14.00 23.00 8.97 3.83 7.43	d. 6.25 5.00 8.90 27.50 4.50, 4.00 7.67 15.60 11.10 15.50 11.10 23.00 23.00 8.97 3.88 7.43	d. 6.00 5.00 8.90 27.50 4.50 7.25 15.40 7.90 4.06 13.50 10.60 16.50 14.30 15.17 23.00 8.50 3.40 7.37 7.48	d. 6.00 5.00 8.90 27.50 4.50 7.25 15.30 7.90 4.06 13.50 10.60 14.30 15.00 23.00 4.13 7.47 7.48	d. 6.00 5.00 8.90 27.50 4.50 4.00 7.25 15.30 7.90 4.06 13.50 10.70 16.50 14.20 15.00 23.00 8.60 3.90 7.37
Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacons, rashers Milk, condensed ,, fresh Meat—	doz. 1b. tin quart	20.05 17.07 22.30 22.06 9.70 7.50	20.05 17.07 22.30 22.06 9.70 7.50	20.05 17.07 23.00 22.06 9.75 7.50	20.50 17.07 22.29 21.57 10.00 7.00	20.50 17.07 22.29 21.57 10.00 7.00	20.50 17.21 23.21 21.57 10.00 7.00	22.64 19.00 22.57 24.07 10.79 10.00	22.64 19.00 22.71 24.07 10.71 10.00	22.64 18.86 23.80 24.07 10.71 10.00	20.50 18.00 22.00 22.70 10.50 8.00	20.50 18.00 22.20 22.70 10.40 8.00	20.50 18.00 23.00 22.70 10.40 8.00	20.80 18.00 22.40 23.00 10.50 7.50	20.80 18.00 22.40 23.00 10.50 7.50	20.80 18.00 22.40 23.25 10.50 7.50
Beef, sirloin ,, rib ,, steak, rump ,, ,, chuck ,, sausages . Beef (corned) silver-	lb.	12.40 8.85 21.00 9.20 8.40	12.20 8.85 20.20 9.15 8.40	12.10 8.75 20.10 9.15 8.40	13.21 8.86 17.43 9.71 8.64	13.07 8.86 17.00 9.71 8.64	12.93 8.71 16.71 9.71 8.64	16.43 14.64 24.00 15.00 9.00	16.50 14.64 24.00 15.50 9.00	$17.00 \\ 15.14 \\ 25.00 \\ 16.14 \\ 9.00$	13.10 9.88 17.60 9.40 8.60	13.20 9.50 18.00 9.40 8.60	13.00 9.50 17.60 9.40 8.60	10.70 8.60 16.00 8.60 8.40	10.70 8.60 16.00 8.60 8.40	10.60 8.60 15.80 8.60 8.40
side ", brisket ", brisket ", forequarter ", loin ", chops, loin ", chops, leg ", loin (a) ", chops (a) ", chops (a)	)) )) )) )) )) )) )) ))	10.00 7.60 8.70 4.85 10.65 71.20 10.55 16.60 17.55 18.20	10.20 7.70 8.55 4.90 10.25 10.45 10.10 16.60 17.55 18.20	10.25 7.70 8.25 4.90 10.15 10.35 9.95 16.60 17.55 18.20	10.43 8.21 10.29 5.79 10.29 11.07 11.29 17.86 18.07 18.07	$\begin{array}{c} 10.43 \\ 8.21 \\ 9.86 \\ 5.93 \\ 10.00 \\ 10.36 \\ 10.71 \\ 17.86 \\ 18.07 \\ 18.07 \end{array}$	10.50 8.36 9.36 5.71 9.79 10.14 10.14 17.86 18.07 18.07	16.00 14.00 10.79 7.57 8.14 12.71 12.36 15.86 15.00 17.00	16.00° 14.00 10.93 7.57 8.14 12.71 12.21 15.86 15.00 17.00	16.00 14.00 11.00 7.50 8.00 13.00 13.00 15.86 15.00 17.00	10.60 9.40 10.00 6.30 10.60 11.30 10.90 15.60 15.80 16.20	10.60 9.40 9.60 6.00 10.60 11.00 15.60 15.80 16.20	10.60 9.40 9.60 6.00 10.40 10.80 15.60 15.80 16.20	9.60 8.40 9.40 5.00 9.40 9.60 9.50 15.00 15.00	9.60 8.40 9.20 5.00 9.30 9.50 9.40 15.00 15.00	9.60 8.40 9.10 5.00 9.30 9.50 9.40 15.00 15.00
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms	I	281.08			243.51			189.48			221.88			212.19	

# VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

		М	ELBOURNE	ı.	1	BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			FEELONG.		WA	RRNAMBO(	DL.
Article.	Unit.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.— Bread Bread Flour, ordinary Flour, ordinary Flour, ordinary Grain Sugar Rice (Australian) (a) Sago (a) Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked . Raisins, seeded (a) Currants . Apricots, dried (a) Peaches, canned . Pears, canned . Salmon, in tins (a) Potatoes . Onions, brown (a) Soap Kerosene .	2 lb.  "" 1b. "" 1½ lb. 2 lb. 1b. "" 30 oz. "" 1b. "" 1b. "" 1c.	d. 5.55 4.20 7.40 27.00 4.00 3.60 6.88 11.15 7.30 10.50 10.50 11.25 8.40 2.50 7.11 6.54	d. 5,55 4,20 7,38 27,00 4,00 3,60 6,88 11,15 7,30 3,75 13,00 10,63 18,00 13,00 14,00 21,25 8,40 2,50 7,11 6,54	d. 5.55 4 20 7.45 27.00 4.00 3.60 6.88 11.15 7.30 10.56 18.00 13.00 14.00 21.25 8.40 7.11 6.54	d. 5.86 4.00 8.21 27.50 4.28 4.00 7.17 11.57 7.64 3.93 12.71 10.36 17.00 13.25 13.88 21.25 8.40 2.64 7.20 6.79	d. 5.86 4.00 8.21 27.50 4.28 4.00 7.17 11.57 7.50 4.00 12.67 10.36 17.00 13.40 21.25 8.40 2.64 7.20 6.79	d. 5.86 4.00 8.21 27.50 4.28 4.00 7.17 11.71 7.64 4.00 13.06 17.00 13.40 0.21.25 6.4 7.20 6.79	d. 5.82 4.71 8.00 27.50 4.00 12.07 7.50 13.40 10.50 17.00 11.17 14.00 20.67 8.30 2.50 7.50	d. 5.82 4.71 8.07 27.50 4.50 4.50 12.07 7.50 3.93 13.25 10.50 17.00 20.67 8.36 2.50 7.54 6.79	$\begin{array}{c} d. \\ 5.82 \\ 4.71 \\ 8.07 \\ 27.50 \\ 4.60 \\ 4.50 \\ 4.50 \\ 4.50 \\ 12.07 \\ 7.43 \\ 3.93 \\ 13.13 \\ 10.50 \\ 17.00 \\ 13.17 \\ 14.00 \\ 20.67 \\ 8.56 \\ 3.17 \\ 7.54 \\ 6.79 \end{array}$	d. 5.75 4.30 7.80 27.50 4.00 3.50 6.50 11.70 7.50 10.50 11.88 21.00 8.40 2.50 7.13 6.35	d. 5.75 4.30 7.80 27.50 4.00 4.00 4.00 6.50 11.70 7.50 10.50 13.85 12.50 17.00 13.88 21.00 8.40 2.50 7.13 6.35	d. 5.75 4.30 7.80 27.50 4.00 4.00 6.50 11.70 7.50 10.50 11.70 13.00 13.88 21.00 8.40 2.50 7.13	d. 6.25 4.80 8.10 27.40 4.25 3.80 6.75 11.90 4.05 13.20 10.60 18.00 18.25 21.38 8.40 2.50 7.68	d. 6.25 4.80 8.10 27.50 4.25 3.80 6.75 11.90 4.05 13.20 10.60 18.00 18.00 21.38 8.40 2.50 7.68 7.35	$\begin{array}{c} d.\\ 6.25\\ 4.80\\ 8.10\\ 27.50\\ 4.25\\ 3.80\\ 6.75\\ 11.90\\ 4.05\\ 13.20\\ 10.70\\ 18.00\\ 13.25\\ 14.25\\ 21.38\\ 8.40\\ 2.50\\ 7.68\\ 7.35\\ \end{array}$
Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh	lb. doz. lb. tin quart	20.50 16.28 22.00 22.94 10.05 7.35	20.50 16.28 22.00 22.94 10.05 7.35	20.50 16.28 23.00 23.17 10.10 7.35	20.43 15.79 22.00 23.43 10.43 7.00	20.43 15.79 21.86 23.36 10.43 7.00	20.43 15.79 23.00 23.57 10.43 7.00	20.86 16.64 21.86 22.50 10.93 7.00	20.86 16.64 21.86 22.83 10.93 7.00	20.86 16.64 23.00 22.42 10.93 7.00	20.30 15.38 22.00 22.50 10.00 7.20	$\begin{array}{c} 20.30 \\ 15.38 \\ 22.00 \\ 22.50 \\ 10.00 \\ 7.20 \end{array}$	20.30 15.38 23.00 22.50 10.00 7.20	20.80 16.10 22.00 22.70 10.50 7.13	20.80 16.10 22.00 22.70 10.50 7.13	20.80 16.10 23.00 22.70 10.50 7.13
Meat— Beef, sirloin ,, rib ,, steak, rump ,, chuck ,, sausages ,, sausages	1b.	14.10 11.40 21.40 10.35 7.85	13.40 11.20 21.00 10.30 7.85	13.40 11.30 21.00 10.30 7.85	13.71 10.57 19.71 9.86 7.00	12.86 10.71 19.86 10.00 7.00	12.86 10.71 19.86 10.00 7.00	13.00 10.43 18.29 10.14 7.43	12.71 9.86 17.71 10.00 7.43	12.57 9.71 17.86 9.71 7.43	12.60 9.30 19.00 9.60 7.00	11.80 8.90 18.20 9.40 7.00	11.80 9.40 18.00 9.30 7.00	12.00 10.00 17.60 10.00 8.60	12.40 10.00 17.60 9.80 8.60	12.40 10.00 17.60 9.80 8.40
Beéf (corned) silver- side  "to brisket  Mutton, leg "forequarter "loin" "chops, loin" "leg  Pork leg $(a)$ "loin $(a)$ "chops $(a)$ "chops $(a)$ "chops $(a)$ "chops $(a)$ "chops $(a)$	)) )) )) )) )) )) )) ))	13.10 9.40 11.15 6.40 9.70 10.70 11.30 15.95 16.80 17.65	12.60 9.05 11.10 5.35 9.05 10.20 10.95 15.95 16.80 17.65	12.70 9.15 11.10 5.50 9.05 10.15 10.95 15.95 16.80 17.65	12.86 9.00 10.93 6.64 9.07 9.79 11.64 15.43 16.00 17.43	12.00 8.50 10.86 5.00 8.71 9.57 11.50 15.43 16.00 17.43	12.00 8.50 10.86 5.00 8.43 9.43 11.50 15.43 16.00 17.43	11.57 9.71 10.21 6.14 8.79 10.14 10.07 15.75 16.00 17.25	11.14 9.07 10.36 5.36 8.71 10.21 10.07 15.75 16.00 17.25	11.00 8.71 10.50 5.07 8.86 10.14 10.21 15.75 16.00 17.25	12.20 8.60 9.70 5.20 8.80 9.50 10.40 15.00 16.00	11.70 7.80 10.00 5.00 8.20 9.20 10.00 15.00 16.00	11.40 7.50 10.10 5.00 7.40 8.50 10.00 15.00 15.40 16.00	12.00 9.40 11.00 7.00 9.00 10.40 10.60 14.80 15.80	11.80 9.20 11.10 6.50 9.50 10.70 10.60 14.80 15.80	11.80 9.20 11.10 6.50 9.30 10.50 10.60 14.80 14.80 15.80
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms		262.40			178.07		l	187.02		ll	239.23	l	<u> </u>	234.94	l

<sup>(</sup>a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

# QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

Article.	Unit.		Brisbane		Т	OOWOOMB	A.	R	OCKHAMPT	ON.	т	OWNSVILL	E.	I	SUNDABER	.G.
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.— Bread Flour, ordinary , self-raising Tea Sugar Rice (Australian) (a) Sago (a) Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked (a) Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried (a) Peaches, canned Pears, canned Salmon, in tins (a) Potatoes Onions, brown Soap Kerosene Dairy Produce—	2 lb. "" 1½ lb. 2 lb. lb. "" 30 oz. lb. lb. "" quart	d. 5.50 4.09 8.59 27.05 3.98 3.57 6.63 12.50 6.88 4.06 12.55 11.15 17.25 16.50 21.33 8.36 3.00 7.03 5.70	d. 5.50 4.09 8.59 27.05 3.98 3.57 6.63 8.64 .06 12.94 11.25 17.25 17.25 17.38 8.36 3.00 7.03 5.70	d. 5.50 4.09 8.59 27.05 3.94 3.57 6.63 12.50 6.86 4.06 13.03 11.35 17.25 15.05 15.29 21.33 8.37 3.00 6.96 5.70	d. 6.00 4.500 9.36 4.23 3.83 7.25 12.66 7.71 4.25 13.80 11.14 18.00 16.25 24.63 8.87 7.29 36.36	d. 6.00 4.50 9.36 27.50 4.23 3.83 7.255 18.05 7.71 1.29 18.00 16.75 24.63 8.94 2.86 7.43 6.36	d. 6.00 4.50 9.36 27.50 4.23 3.83 7.25 513.84 7.71 4.25 14.00 11.29 18.00 24.63 8.94 2.86 7.43 6.36	d. 6.00 5.36 9.86 28.07 4.00 4.25 6.75 14.00 8.00 11.58 18.00 16.38 20.50 9.29 3.57 7.38 7.10	d. 6.00 5.36 9.86 28.07 4.00 4.25 6.75 14.00 8.00 11.58 18.00 16.38 20.50 9.43 3.29 7.38 7.10	d. 6.00 5.36 9.86 28.14 4.00 4.25 6.75 14.00 8.00 4.70 13.67 11.58 18.00 16.03 20.50 3.14 7.88	d. 6.50 5.40 9.50 27.70 4.65 4.20 7.00 14.60 8.20 14.50 18.00 16.00 24.00 8.50 3.67 7.33 7.46	d. 6.00 5.40 9.50 27.70 4.65 4.20 7.00 14.60 8.20 11.50 18.00 16.00 24.00 9.30 3.60 7.33 7.46	d. 6.00 5.40 9.50 27.70 4.65 4.20 7.00 14.60 8.20 4.25 14.20 11.50 18.00 16.00 9.04 3.60 7.33 7.46	d. 5.75 4.50 9.60 28.00 28.00 7.00 7.00 13.30 7.60 4.13 13.30 11.40 16.00 15.50 16.00 21.00 8.50 3.13 7.26 6.33	d. 5.75 4.50 9.60 28.00 3.97 4.00 7.00 13.40 7.60 4.13 13.30 11.60 15.50 16.00 21.00 8.80 3.90 7.26 6.33	d. 5.75 4.50 9.60 28.00 28.00 7.00 13.40 7.60 11.60 0 15.75 16.00 21.00 8.80 8.00 7.26 6.35
Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed  fresh Meat— Beef, sirloin	lb. ,, doz. lb. tin quart	19.91 15.00 22.00 22.00 9.77 7.10	19.91 15.00 22.00 22.00 9.77 7.10	19.82 15.09 23.00 22.00 9.82 7.10	19.93 15.21 21.43 22.00 9.86 7.29	19.93 15.21 21.86 22.07 9.93 7.29	19.93 15.21 22.57 22.00 9.86 7.50	20.14 15.71 19.29 22.43 10.57 6.86	20.14 15.79 19.43 22.43 10.57 6.86	20.14 15.79 21.14 22.43 10.57 6.86	21.60 16.90 24.00 22.13 10.30 9.80	21.60 16.90 24.00 22.13 10.30 9.80	21.60 16.90 24.00 21.90 10.30 9.80	19.80 15.30 16.40 21.80 10.00 8.00	19.80 15.50 16.80 21.80 10.00 8.00	19.80 15.50 19.20 21.80 10.00 8.00
Beef, sirloin ,, rib ,, steak, rump ,, ,, chuck ,, sausages Beef (corned) silver-	1b.	12.05 5.28 17.00 7.56 8.00	12.00 5.28 17.00 7.05 8.00	12.00 5.28 17.00 7.05 8.00	12.00 7.00 17.00 8.00 8.86	12.43 7.00 17.00 8.00 9.00	12.00 7.00 17.00 8.00 9.00	10.57 7.25 14.00 7.86 8.14	10.57 7.25 14.00 7.86 8.14	10.57 7.25 14.00 7.86 8.14	11.80 7.00 15.00 7.40 7.80	11.80 7.00 15.00 7.40 7.80	11.80 7.00 15.00 7.40 7.80	11.80 8.90 14.00 9.40 9.10	11.80 8.90 14.00 9.40 9.10	11.80 8.90 14.00 9.40 9.10
side brisket  Mutton, leg ,, forequarter ,, loin ,, chops, loin ,, chops, leg  Pork, leg (a) ,, loin (a) ,, chops (a)	2) 2) 2) 2) 2) 2) 2) 2) 2) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3) 3)	11.00 7.60 8.50 5.45 7.67 9.00 7.67 16.07 15.86 16.00	10.50 7.55 8.50 5.45 7.67 9.00 7.50 16.07 15.86 16.00	10.50 7.55 8.50 5.20 7.72 9.00 8.22 16.07 15.86 16.00	11.00 8.00 9.00 5.00 9.00 9.00 9.00 15.00 15.00	11.00 8.00 9.00 5.00 9.00 9.00 9.00 15.00 15.00	11.00 8.00 9.00 5.00 9.00 9.00 9.00 15.00 15.00	10.43 8.67 9.14 6.36 9.00 9.14 9.14 15.86 15.86	10.43 8.67 9.14 6.36 9.00 9.14 9.14 15.86 15.86 15.86	10.43 8.67 9.14 6.36 9.00 9.14 9.14 15.86 15.86	10.00 7.00 10.00 6.00 8.00 8.00 8.40 15.67 13.00 13.00	10.00 7.00 10.00 6.00 8.00 8.00 8.40 15.67 13.00 13.00	10.00 7.00 10.00 6.00 8.00 8.00 8.40 15.67 13.00	10.20 9.10 10.40 8.00 10.00 10.10 15.80 16.80	10.20 9.10 10.40 8.00 10.00 10.10 15.80 15.80 16.80	10.20 9.10 10.40 8.00 10.00 10.10 15.80 15.80 16.80
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms		232.74			216.40			206.85			217.71			169.04	

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

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Article.	Unit.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.— Bread Flour, ordinary Flour, ordinary Tea Sugar Rice (Australian) (a) Sago (a). Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried (a) Peaches, canned (a) Salmon, in tins (a) Potatoes (a) Onions, brown (a) Soap Kerosene	2 lb.  "" 1b. "" 1½ lb. 2 lb. lb. "" 30 oz. lb. 1b. "" 1b. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c. 1c	d. 5.75 4.55 7.15 27.10 4.00 3.50 6.00 13.10 6.90 17.38 13.42 13.32 20.80 8.44 2.88 7.36 5.66	d. 5.75 4.55 7.15 27.10 4.00 3.50 6.00 13.10 6.90 17.38 13.42 13.32 20.80 8.44 2.88 7.36 5.66	d. 5.75 4.55 7.15 27.10 3.50 6.00 13.10 6.90 17.38 13.83 20.80 4.44 3.00 7.36 5.66	d. 6.00 5.00 8.64 27.89 4.12 4.10 6.75 13.79 8.43 3.95 12.79 10.64 17.00 14.67 14.58 19.50 10.17 7.76 6.29	a. 6.00 5.00 8.64 27.89 4.10 6.75 13.79 8.43 3.95 12.79 10.64 17.00 14.67 14.58 19.50 10.00 2.75 7.76 6.29	d. 6.00 5.00 8.64 27.89 4.12 4.10 6.75 13.79 8.43 3.95 12.79 10.64 17.00 14.67 14.58 19.50 10.17 2.75 7.76 6.29	d. 6.00 5.07 8.86 27.14 4.19 4.63 7.00 13.83 8.86 4.20 11.00 16.67 15.50 19.00 10.35 3.64 7.38 6.61	d. 6.00 5.07 8.86 27.14 4.19 4.63 7.00 13.83 8.86 4.20 13.50 11.00 16.67 15.50 19.00 23.64 7.38 6.61	d. 6.00 5.07 8.86 27.14 4.19 4.63 7.00 13.83 8.86 4.20 13.50 11.00 16.67 15.50 19.00 10.75 3.70 7.38 6.61	d. 6.00 5.00 9.20 27.20 4.33 4.00 8.50 13.40 8.50 10.70 17.67 14.00 9.27 2.38 7.60 7.60 6.23	d. 6.00 5.00 9.20 27.20 4.33 4.00 8.50 10.70 17.67 14.00 14.67 21.00 2.38 7.50 2.38 7.50 6.23	d. 6.00 5.00 9.20 27.20 4.33 4.00 8.50 13.60 8.50 10.70 17.67 14.25 21.00 10.96 2.38 7.60 6.23	d. 6.00 5.00 8.63 28.00 4.25 7.50 13.63 8.63 8.00 13.00 11.13 18.00 15.33 23.00 10.38 3.13 7.75 7.76 4.44	d. 6.00 5.00 8.63 28.00 4.50 4.25 7.25 13.63 8.63 8.63 11.13 18.00 15.50 23.00 10.50 3.13 7.75 6.44	d. 6.00 5.00 8.63 28.00 4.50 4.50 7.50 13.63 8.63 8.63 11.13 18.00 15.50 23.00 10.50 3.60 7.75 6.44
Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh	lb. doz. lb. tin quart	20.00 14.83 22.30 19.90 9.30 6.50	20.00 14.83 22.25 19.90 9.30 6.50	20.00 14.83 23.35 19.90 9.30 6.50	21.57 16.29 18.00 20.57 10.29 7.57	21.57 16.29 18.00 20.57 10.29 7.57	21.57 16.29 18.00 20.57 10.29 7.57	20.86 17.00 18.00 21.17 10.29 8.00	20.86 17.00 18.00 21.17 10.29 8.00	20.86 17.00 18.00 21.17 10.29 8.00	21.00 16.20 15.40 20.00 10.50 6.80	21.00 15.80 15.40 20.00 10.50 6.80	21.00 15.80 15.40 20.00 10.50 6.80	20.88 16.50 18.00 21.25 9.88 8.00	20.88 16.50 18.00 20.38 9.88 8.00	20.88 16.50 18.00 20.50 9.88 8.00
Meat—  Beef, sirloin  ,, rib  ,, steak, rump  ,, ,, chuck  ,, sausages	lb.	12.10 10.06 16.85 10.45 7.11	12.10 10.06 16.85 10.45 7.11	12.10 10.06 16.80 10.45 7.11	11.43 10.64 15.29 10.57 7.29	11.43 10.64 15.29 10.57 7.29	11.43 10.50 15.29 10.43 7.29	10.43 10.14 17.21 12.00 8.00	10.43 10.07 17.36 12.00 8.00	10.43 10.07 17.36 12.00 8.00	12.40 10.60 17.00 9.60 7.00	12.20 10.50 16.00 9.70 7.00	12.20 10.50 16.00 9.70 7.00	11.17 9.17 16.67 10.17 7.00	11.50 9.50 17.00 10.17 7.00	11.50 9.50 17.00 10.17 7.00
Beef (corned) silver- side gide Witton, leg forequarter loin hops, loin chops, leg (a) loin (a) chops (a)	)) )) )) )) )) )) )) ))	11.70 8.75 10.55 4.65 8.20 8.65 10.40 14.00 14.30 14.90	11.70 8.75 9.80 4.70 8.25 8.70 10.35 14.00 14.30 14.90	11.70 8.75 9.75 4.70 8.30 8.85 10.35 14.00 14.30 14.90	11.86 9.93 9.50 5.64 7.64 8.64 9.64 12.00 12.00 12.57	11.86 9.93 9.21 5.64 7.64 8.64 9.50 12.00 12.00 12.57	11.86 9.79 9.21 5.57 7.79 8.64 9.64 12.00 12.00 12.57	12.00 10.00 10.43 6.36 8.14 9.93 10.50 13.14 12.57 14.00	12.00 10.00 9.86 6.43 7.86 10.00 10.50 13.14 12.57 14.00	12.00 10.00 9.86 6.36 7.71 9.86 10.64 13.14 12.57 14.00	12.00 9.40 10.60 5.50 8.20 9.00 10.60 12.00 13.00	11.00 8.60 9.70 4.40 8.00 8.40 9.20 12.00 12.00 13.00	11.00 8.60 9.70 4.40 8.00 8.40 9.20 12.00 12.00 13.00	11.00 9.00 10.17 5.00 9.33 9.17 10.17 13.33 12.00 13.33	11.00 9.00 9.67 4.83 9.00 9.17 10.00 13.33 12.00 13.33	11.00 9.00 9.67 4.83 9.00 9.17 10.00 13.33 12.00 13.33
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms		240.53			97.21			179.48	7		179.81		l	189.95	l

<sup>(</sup>a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

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Article.	Unit.	PERTH	AND FREM	IANTLE.	KALGOOR	LIE AND B	OULDER.		Northam.			BUNBURY		G	ERALDTO	τ.
Article.	Cint.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary	,,	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
,, self-raising Tea	,,,	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar	,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice(Australian)(a)	,,,	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago $(a)$	,,	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden syrup	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.88	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	4.33	4.42	4.42	4.79	4.79	4.79	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded	,,	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.83	13.86	14.00	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants	,,	10.33	10.33	10.33	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	14.00	14.00	14.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned (a)	,,	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tins $(a)$	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.42	8.42	8.42	9.93	10.07	10.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	8.48	8.73	8.60	9.10	9.20	9.20 3.50
Onions, brown $(a)$	lb.	3.38	3.14	2.95	4.00	4.50	4.33	2.88	3.00	. 3.00	4.50	4.50	3.33	3.30	3.30	
Scap	,,	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kercsene	quart	6.61	6.61	6.61	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.38
Dairy Produce—				04 00			22.00		24 50	07 50	01.00	01.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Butter, factory	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.43	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00			17.50	17.50
Cheese, mild	_,,	16.90	17.00	17.00	18.43	18.43	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.63	17.63 19.25	$17.50 \\ 18.00$	18.00	18.00
Eggs, new laid	dcz.	21.70	22.00	23.00	21.79	23.57	24.00	16.50	16.50	17.50	17.25	17.25 $20.75$	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	20.40	20.50	20.50	21.86	21.79	21.64	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Milk, condensed	tin	9.85	9.85	9.85	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50 7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
,, fresh	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	1.00	0.00	. 0.00	0.00
Beef, sirloin	1b.	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.43	12.43	12.43	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	13.00	13.00	12.83	13.00	13.00
		11.00	11.00	11.00	11.43	11.43	11.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.60	11.00	11.00	10.83	11.00	11.00
,, rib ,, steak, rump	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.21	18.21	18.21	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.20	18.00	18.00	18.17	18.00	18.00
	,,	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.17	11.00	11.00
,, ,, chuck ,, sausages	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.07	10.07	10.07	8.50	8.50	8.75	8.40	8.80	8.80	9.67	9.33	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-	,,,	9.00	5.00	3.00	10.01	10.07	10.07	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00				
side		11.00	11.00	11.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.60	11.00	11.00	11.17	11.00	11.00
" " brisket	,,	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.60	9.00	9.00	8.60	9.00	9.00	9.17	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg	,,	10.10	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	10.30	9.00	9.00	10.33	9.00	9.00
,, forequarter	,,	6.85	7.00	7.00	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.83	7.00	7.00
		10.70	9.90	9.90	11.21	11.21	11.21	11.00	9.38	9.50	10.80	9.60	9.60	11.33	9.67	9.67
,, chops, loin	,,	10.90	10.00	10.00	12.36	12.36	12.36	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.80	10.00	10.00	11.67	10.00	10.00
	,,	10.90	10.00	10.00	12.29	12.29	12.29	10.25	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00
$\operatorname{Pork}, \operatorname{leg}(a)$	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
$\int_{0}^{\infty} \sin(a)$	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
,, chops (a)	,,	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents	4 and 5															
	Rooms		238.79		Η	260.69			226.21		١	245.15			266.48	• • •

# TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

Article.	Unit.		HOBART.		L	AUNCESTO	N.		BURNIE.		L	EVONPORT	г.	Q	JEENSTOW	N.
Armeie.	Onit.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.— Bread Flour, ordinary Flour, ordinary Tea Sugar Rice (Australian)(a) Sago (a) Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried (a) Peaches, canned (a) Pears, canned (a) Salmon, in this (a) Potatoes Onions, brown (a) Soap Kerosene	2 lb.  "lb. "lb. 2 lb. 1½ lb. 2 lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "	d. 5.50 4.50 4.50 4.50 4.50 4.50 7.35 27.10 4.00 3.86 7.63 9.85 8.00 3.75 12.85 10.95 51 8.00 13.50 13.43 20.00 8.40 3.20 7.33 7.18	d. 5.50 4.50 4.50 4.00 3.86 7.63 10.00 8.00 13.43 20.00 13.43 20.00 3.75 7.27	d. 5.50 4.60 7.40 27.05 4.00 3.86 7.63 10.00 8.00 11.05 18.00 13.44 20.00 8.40 3.75 7.33 7.27	d. 5.50 3.93 7.14 27.00 4.00 3.80 7.00 9.29 7.64 3.68 12.71 10.71 16.25 13.17 13.20 20.00 8.34 3.03 7.33 7.25	d. 5,50 3,93 7,14 27,00 4,00 9,50 7,64 3,71 10,71 10,71 11,071 11,071 11,071 11,071 13,20 20,00 8,34 3,30 7,33 3,00 7,33 7,33 7,33 7,33 7,33	d. 5.50 4.07 7.14 27.00 4.00 9.50 7.71 12.83 10.71 16.25 13.38 20.00 8.40 3.00 7.33 7.33 7.33 7.23	d. 5.90 4.80 7.70 27.00 4.107 7.50 9.70 8.00 3.80 12.70 10.70 17.50 13.38 22.50 8.40 2.90 7.33	d. 5.90 4.80 7.70 27.00 4.07 7.50 9.70 8.00 3.80 12.70 10.70 17.50 22.50 8.40 2.90 7.33 7.33	d. 5,90 4,80 7,70 27,00 4,107 4,107 4,107 9,70 8,00 12,80 10,70 17,50 13,38 22,50 13,38 22,90 2,90 7,15	d. 6.00 4.60 7.60 27.105 3.83 8.00 10.00 7.90 3.80 17.00 13.67 13.67 22.17 8.40 3.10 7.33 7.55	d. 6.00 4.60 7.60 27.10 4.05 3.83 8.00 10.00 8.00 13.00 10.80 17.00 13.67 22.17 8.40 3.10 7.33 7.38	d. 6.00 4.60 7.60 27.10 4.05 3.83 8.00 10.00 8.00 13.60 17.00 13.67 13.50 22.17 8.40 3.10 7.33 7.23	d. 5.50 7.67 27.00 4.107 9.00 13.17 11.33 18.25 14.50 19.83 10.47 3.50 7.67 7.88	d. 5.50 7.67 27.33 4.25 4.17 7.67 10.50 9.00 13.33 11.50 14.50 14.50 19.83 10.47 3.50 7.67 7.87	d. 5.50 5.06 7.75 27.38 4.25 4.17 7.67 10.63 9.00 4.00 13.38 11.25 18.25 14.38 14.38 19.83 3.50 7.67 7.88
Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh	lb. ,, doz. lb. tin quart	21.00 16.00 22.00 21.00 10.35 7.50	$\begin{array}{c} 21.00 \\ 16.00 \\ 22.14 \\ 21.00 \\ 10.35 \\ 7.50 \end{array}$	21.00 $16.11$ $23.00$ $21.00$ $10.40$ $7.50$	21.00 16.00 22.00 20.71 10.00 7.00	$\begin{array}{c} 21.00 \\ 16.00 \\ 22.00 \\ 20.71 \\ 10.14 \\ 7.00 \end{array}$	21.00 16.00 23.67 20.71 10.14 7.00	21.00 16.00 17.20 21.00 10.40 7.00	21.00 16.20 16.80 21.00 10.40 7.00	21.00 16.20 18.60 21.00 10.50 7.00	$ \begin{array}{c} 21.00 \\ 16.67 \\ 16.00 \\ 21.00 \\ 10.50 \\ 7.00 \end{array} $	21.00 16.00 15.20 21.00 10.50 7.00	21.00 17.00 17.00 21.00 10.50 7.00	20.00 16.50 23.83 21.50 10.67 11.00	20.00 16.50 24.00 21.50 10.83 11.00	20.13 16.50 25.13 21.38 10.75 11.00
mirk, contensed  fresh  Meat—  Beef, sirloin  ,, rib  ,, steak, rump  ,, chuck  ,, sausages  Beef (corned) silver-	lb.	13.00 11.00 18.00 10.90 7.78	13.00 11.00 18.00 10.90 7.78	12.00 10.10 17.00 9.90 7.78	11.71 9.93 15.71 9.57 7.71	11.71 9.93 15.71 9.57 7.71	10.86 9.07 14.86 8.71 7.71	12.00 10.88 15.00 10.00 8.25	12.00 10.88 15.00 10.00 8.25	11.25 10.13 14.25 9.25 8.25	12.00 11.00 15.00 10.00 8.00	12.00 11.00 15.00 10.00 8.00	11.00 10.00 14.00 9.00 7.67	13.00 12.00 17.00 13.00 9.33	13.00 12.00 17.00 13.00 9.33	12.00 11.00 16.00 12.00 9.00
Beef (corned) silver- side , brisket Mutton, leg , forequarter loin , chops, loin , chops, leg Pork, leg , chops	;; ;; ;; ;; ;; ;; ;; ;; ;; ;; ;;	13.00 10.40 11.00 7.00 10.40 11.00 11.90 14.00 14.00 14.00	13.00 10.40 11.00 7.00 10.40 11.00 11.90 14.00 14.00	12.00 9.65 10.00 6.00 9.50 10.00 10.80 14.00 14.00	10.86 9.29 10.14 6.71 9.71 10.14 10.43 14.00 14.00	10.86 9.14 10.14 6.71 9.71 10.14 10.43 14.00 14.00 14.00	10.00 8.43 9.29 5.86 8.71 9.29 9.57 14.00 14.00	11.00 9.88 11.00 7.00 9.88 11.00 10.88 14.00 14.00	11.00 9.88 11.00 7.00 9.88 11.00 10.88 14.00 14.00	10.25 9.13 10.25 6.25 9.13 10.25 10.13 14.00 14.00	11.00 10.00 11.00 7.00 10.00 11.00 11.00 14.00 14.00 14.00	11.00 10.00 11.00 7.00 10.00 11.00 11.00 14.00 14.00 14.00	10.00 9.33 10.00 6.33 9.33 10.33 10.00 14.00 14.00	13.00 12.00 13.00 11.00 13.00 13.00 13.00 14.00 14.00 14.00	13.00 12.00 13.00 11.00 13.00 13.00 13.00 14.00 14.00 14.00	12.00 11.00 12.00 10.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 14.00 14.00 14.00
House Rents	4 and 5 Rooms		251.49			232.37			213.71			193.64			202.31	

<sup>(</sup>a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

#### Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

#### MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: 1911 = 1,000.)

	Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries,	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chemi- cals.	All Groups
1861 1871 1881 1891 1901		1,438 1,096 1,178 895 1,061	1,381 1,257 1,115 847 774	1,583 1,236 1,012 1,024 928	1,008 864 935 995 1,029	1,963 1,586 1,421 1,032 1,048	            	1,070 1,044 1,091 780 841	2,030 1,409 1,587 1,194 917	1,538 1,220 1,121 945 974
1902		1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	981	1,051
1903		923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904		821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905		772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906		882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907. 1908. 1909. 1910.		1,037 1,033 1,014 1,004 1,000	1,017 901 907 1,052 1,000	973 1,312 1,000 969 1,000	1,020 1,198 1,119 1,100 1,000	948 968 978 999 1,000	1,294 1,335 1,088 1,008 1,000	968 935 911 996 1,000	961 891 815 898 1,000	1,021 1,115 993 1,003 1,000
1912		1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913		1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914		1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915		1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916		1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917		2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918		2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919		2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920		2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921		2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922		1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923		1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924		1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925		1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926		1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927		1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928		1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929		1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930		1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931		1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932		1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933		1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934		1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935		1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936		1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937		1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938		1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939		1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940		1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941		1,960	1,402	1,721	1,564	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 .		2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2.437	1,977
1943 .		2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 .		2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159

Note.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 84 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual Labour Report will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928–29 are published on the next page.

#### WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

#### BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and with a few important-exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chemi- cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Food- stuffs and To- bacco.	Goods princi- pally Im- ported.	Goods princi- pally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.
1928-29	 1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1937-38 1938-39	 962 1,013 1,025 1,051	984 1,012 1,004 1,152	1,185 1,000 815 1,038	988 1,001 1,011 1,068	1,106 969 925 1,163	989 1,041 970 1,084	974 997 1,029 1,012	991 1,018 991 1,106	980 1,000 1,020 1,025	984 1,005 1,011 1,047
1941-42 1942-43	 1,074 1,173 1,288 1,310	1,374 1,509 1,667 1,695	1,105 1,184 1,471 1,501	1,236 1,372 1,422 1,432	1,256 1,350 1,379 1,398	1,284 1,352 1,628 1,743	1,069 1,169 1,279 1,287	1,325 1,525 1,760 1,824	1,060 1,123 1,212 1,217	1,140 1,242 1,373 1,396
August September October November December January February	1,123 1,127 1,165 1,165 1,165 1,173 1,173 1,173 1,175 1,175 1,206 1,208 1,213	1,412 1,437 1,461 1,465 1,491 1,522 1,530 1,576 1,574 1,574	1,131 1,145 1,157 1,172 1,177 1,171 1,166 1,185 1,197 1,221 1,242 1,238	1,241 1,265 1,363 1,363 1,391 1,406 1,406 1,408 1,408 1,410	1,300 1,299 1,299 1,302 1,339 1,364 1,420 1,432 1,365 1,364 1,361	1,310 1,310 1,310 1,317 1,326 1,326 1,326 1,326 1,326 1,326 1,516 1,514	1,099 1,130 1,144 1,144 1,146 1,125 1,130 1,154 1,160 1,191 1,270 1,326	1,416 1,425 1,472 1,491 1,527 1,516 1,511 1,507 1,523 1,540 1,680 1,694	1,070 1,097 1,108 1,102 1,097 1,088 1,102 1,124 1,130 1,154 1,181 1,219	1,172 1,195 1,215 1,217 1,225 1,215 1,223 1,237 1,246 1,269 1,327 1,358
July August September October November December January February March April May June	1,213 1,234 1,237 1,302 1,308 1,308 1,308 1,308 1,308 1,310 1,310	1,590 1,644 1,644 1,649 1,651 1,684 1,686 1,688 1,693 1,693 1,693	1,363 1,359 1,381 1,386 1,391 1,484 1,544 1,535 1,544 1,521 1,573 1,574	1,410 1,410 1,410 1,410 1,425 1,425 1,425 1,429 1,429 1,430 1,430	1,361 1,361 1,361 1,361 1,361 1,358 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398	1,514 1,516 1,516 1,516 1,529 1,691 1,701 1,701 1,709 1,709	1,311 1,318 1,334 1,292 1,281 1,255 1,210 1,234 1,265 1,274 1,275 1,298	1,653 1,661 1,724 1,721 1,750 1,801 1,790 1,789 1,802 1,807 1,801 1,824	1,232 1,247 1,237 1,219 1,205 1,193 1,166 1,185 1,206 1,211 1,216 1,228	1,356 1,369 1,379 1,367 1,365 1,371 1,350 1,363 1,382 1,386 1,388 1,404
1943–44 — July August September October November December January February March April May June	 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,310 1,308	1,694 1,694 1,694 1,694 1,694 1,696 1,696 1,696 1,696 1,696	1,569 1,541 1,502 1,507 1,436 1,499 1,490 1,490 1,490 1,490 1,507	1,433 1,433 1,433 1,433 1,433 1,433 1,433 1,430 1,430 1,430	1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398	1,741 1,741 1,741 1,741 1,741 1,743 1,743 1,743 1,746 1,746 1,746	1,305 1,291 1,297 1,286 1,279 1,275 1,279 1,269 1,271 1,289 1,291 1,307	1,824 1,823 1,828 1,828 1,829 1,821 1,828 1,815 1,818 1,832 1,818 1,820	1,233 1,222 1,224 1,216 1,206 1,209 1,210 1,208 1,208 1,215 1,223 1,235	1,407 1,398 1,402 1,396 1,389 1,389 1,386 1,387 1,397 1,398 1,407
1944–45— July August September October November December	 1,308 1,308 1,308 1,308 1,310 1,306	1,697 1,697 1,697 1,697 1,697 1,697	1,512 1,542 1,525 1,523 1,515 1,515	1,430 1,429 1,430 1,430 1,430 1,430	1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398 1,398	1,747 1,747 1,747 1,747 1,747 1,747	1,316 1,310 1,295 1,292 1,293 1,294	1,819 1,817 1,814 1,821 1,832 1,834	1,243 1,241 1,229 1,223 1,219 1,219	1,413 1,410 1,402 1,399 1,400 1,400

#### PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 36 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Per	iod.		Agricul- ture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold.	All Groups.
1928-29			1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1937-38 1938-39 1939-40			993 896 893	1,018 878 1,021	1,012 1,059 1,066	1,009 918 984	1,085 933 974	$\begin{array}{c} 997 \\ 1,011 \\ 1,113 \end{array}$	1,014 922 987
1940-41 1941-42			1,004 1,019	1,086 1,167	1,025 1,075	1,046 1,098	1,076 1,176	1,215 1,218	1,053 1,107
1942-43 1943-44 (b)	::	::	1,136 1,179	1,291 1,295	1,177 1,179	1,215 1,232	1,249 1,295	1,191 1,191	1,217 1,236
July August September October November December January February March April May June			1,166 1,147 1,156 1,158 1,166 1,185 1,195 1,198 1,187 1,200 1,192 1,192	1,312 1,312 1,312 1,305 1,290 1,290 1,284 1,277 1,277 1,283 1,293 1,310	1,183 1,177 1,179 1,180 1,179 1,179 1,179 1,179 1,179 1,179 1,179 1,179	1,236 1,228 1,232 1,230 1,226 1,232 1,233 1,231 1,227 1,234 1,236 1,244	1,296 1,296 1,296 1,296 1,295 1,295 1,295 1,295 1,295 1,295 1,295 1,295	1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,191 1,193	1,239 1,232 1,235 1,235 1,239 1,235 1,237 1,235 1,237 1,238 1,239 1,247
1944-45—(b) July August September October November December		:: :: :: ::	1,209 1,222 1,220 1,253 1,260 1,260	1,338 1,335 1,317 1,308 1,306 1,305	1,180 1,183 1,182 1,182 1,182 1,182	1,263 1,267 1,258 1,265 1,267 1,266	1,294 1,294 1,294 1,292 1,293 1,293	1,197 1,197 1,202 1,208 1,208 1,208	1,263 1,267 1,259 1,266 1,267 1,266

<sup>(</sup>a) Year ended previous December. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

Note.—Particulars have been revised since last issue.

#### EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.		In- cluding Gold.		1942	-43	194	3-14.	1944-45	
	Ex- cluding Gold.		Month.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
1928-29 1932-33 1933-34 1934-35 1935-36 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39 1939-40 1940-41 1941-42	1,205 698 959 741 942 1,155 1,024 821 964 1,026	1,173 705 896 753 946 1,144 1,022 834 980 1,039 1,059	July August September October November December  January February March April	1,134 1,133 1,134 1,132 1,133 1,132 1,138 1,137 1,142 1,142	1,139 1,138 1,139 1,136 1,136 1,136 1,143 1,141 1,147	1,145 1,154 1,149 1,155 1,171 1,172 1,175 1,175 1,175 1,175	1,148 1,157 1,152 1,159 1,172 1,175 1,176 1,176 1,176 1,176	1,196 1,217 1,243 1,269 1,257 1,257	1,196 1,216 1,241 1,266 1,255 1,255
1942–43 1943–44	1,137 1,169	1,142 1,171	May June	$1,142 \\ 1,142$	1,147 1,147	1,192 1,196	1,192 1,196		

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they are no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the Monthly Review of Business Statistics and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

### COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.			Reta	il Price I						
		Food and Grocer- ies.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B", Series.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Items of House-hold Expenditure. "C" Series.	Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages.	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
1914		1,000 1,144 1,902 1,761 1,657	1,000 1,082 1,410 1,743 1,577	1,000 1,121 1,717 1,755 1,626	(b)1,000 1,140 1,883 1,507 1,271	(b)1,000 1,140 1,537 1,537 1,465	(b)1,000 1,140 1,680 1,675 1,526	1,000 1,081 1,826 1,963 1,846	1,000 948 1,087 1,172 1,211	% 4.7 8.3 11.2 10.8 9.7
1940 1941 1942 1943 1944		1,679 1,693 1,843 1,855 1,834	1,590 1,595 1,596 1,595 1,595	1,644 1,654 1,742 1,749 1,737	1,445 1,690 1,977 2,177 2,168	1,519 1,613 1,693 1,766 1,773	1,588 1,673 1,809 1,876 1,867	1,889 1,997 2,164 2,309	1,190 1,194 1,196 1,231	8.0 3.7 1.6 1.1 1.2
Quarter— 1934. December		1,422	1,332	1,388	1,177	1,434	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935. March June September December		1,420 1,425 1,461 1,460	1,356 1,363 1,379 1,390	1,396 1,402 1,430 1,434	1,174 1,180 1,188 1,188	1,446 1,441 1,437 1,435	1,368 1,371 1,389 1,391	1,607 1,609 1,613 1,620	1,175 1,174 1,161 1,165	18.6 17.8 15.9 13.7
1936. March June September December 1937.		1,445 1,455 1,489 1,510	1,413 1,425 1,449 1,461	1,433 1,444 1,474 1,491	1,191 1,194 1,197 1,203	1,432 1,431 1,455 1,449	1,391 1,397 1,420 1,430	1,623 1,629 1,641 1,659	1,167 1,166 1,156 1,160	13.4 12.8 12.0 10.7
March June September December 1938.		1,510 1,507 1,526 1,540	1,470 1,483 1,499 1,510	1,495 1,498 1,516 1,529	1,205 1,221 1,230 1,245	1,452 1,461 1,464 1,467	1,433 1,441 1,454 1,465	1,662 1,680 1,721 1,763	1,160 1,166 1,184 1,203	9.9 9.7 9.3 8.2
March June September December 1939.	  	1,540 1,572 1,616 1,608	1,521 1,534 1,547 1,559	1,534 1,558 1,589 1,589	1,247 1,255 1,256 1,256	1,466 1,461 1,463 1,463	1,467 1,482 1,500 1,501	1,778 1,787 1,806 1,823	1,212 1,206 1,204 1,215	8.0 8.6 9.2 8.9
March June September December 1940.	  	1,673 1,654 1,645 1,657	1,568 1,575 1,582 1,584	1,631 1,623 1,620 1,628	1,258 1,264 1,264 1,297	1,461 1,461 1,463 1,472	1,524 1,522 1,520 1,536	1,826 1,847 1,854 1,858	1,198 1,214 1,220 1,210	9.6 9.5 10.2 9.3
March June September December 1941.	:: :: ::	1,640 1,688 1,676 1,710	1,587 1,589 1,591 1,593	1,620 1,649 1,642 1,663	1,342 1,415 1,450 1,572	1,481 1,518 1,533 1,542	1,542 1,583 1,590 1,635	1,864 1,875 1,903 1,912	1,209 1,184 1,197 1,169	7.9 10.5 7.4 6.2
March June September December 1942.	  	1,713 1,679 1,673 1,705	1,595 1,595 1,595 1,596	1,666 1,646 1,643 1,662	1,598 1,669 1,705 1,787	1,581 1,594 1,633 1,644	1,651 1,660 1,675 1,707	1,966 1,984 2,002 2,034	1,191 1,195 1,195 1,192	5.3 3.6 3.2 2.9
March June September December		1,771 1,832 1,887 1,880	1,597 1,596 1,595 1,595	1,701 1,736 1,768 1,764	1,838 1,942 2,028 2,098	1,667 1,673 1,689 1,741	1,746 1,793 1,835 1,860	2,091 2,127 2,182 2,257	1,198 1,186 1,189 1,213	1.8 1.7 1.6 1.3
1943. March June September December		1,860 1,891 1,853 1,815	1,595 1,595 1,594 1,595	1,752 1,771 1,748 1,726	2,130 2,216 2,192 2,171	1,749 1,763 1,773 1,778	1,863 1,897 1,880 1,864	2,283 2,292 2,331 2,329	1,225 1,208 1,240 1,249	1.2 1.1 1.1 1.1
1944. March June September December	:: :: ::	1,824 1,834 1,852 1,827	1,595 1,595 1,595 1,595	1,731 1,737 1,748 1,733	2,167 2,160 2,166 2,180	1,775 1,773 1,772 1,770	1,864 1,865 1,873 1,867	2,322 2,322 2,327 ··	1,246 1,245 1,242	1.0 1.4 1.2 1.2

<sup>(</sup>a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.
(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.
† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.								
Heading.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.	
$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Population } (a) & -\text{Males} \\ & \text{Females} \\ & \text{Total} \\ \text{Births-Number} \\ & \text{Rate} \\ \text{Deaths-Number} \\ & \text{Rate} \\ \text{Marriages-Number} \\ & \text{Rate} \\ \end{array}$	1,247,059 1,059,677 2,306,736 80,004 35,26 33,327 14,69 17,244 7,60	1,504,368 3,240,985 110,187 34.47 47,430 14.84	1,820,077 3,824,913 102,945 27.16 46,330 12.22	2,191,554 4,573,786 122,193 27.21	2,711,532 5,510,994 136,198 24.95 54,076	3,220,029 6,552,606 118,509 18.16	3,597,447 3,539,775 7,137,222 134,525 18,94 71,176 10.02 75,148 10.58	3,651,492 3,614,949 7,266,441 149,295 20.65 74,486 10.30 67,673 9.36	
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911–12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
Average yield tons Sugar-cane—Area (c) acres Yield '000 tons Av. yield tons Vineyards—Area acres Wine '000 gal. Total gross value of all agri- cultural production £'000 PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.— Live-stock—Sheep '000 Cattle ,, Horses ,	19,708 350 17.74 14,569 1,438 15,519 65,093 8,011 1,088	25,675 7.70 246 5,726 23.27 68,068	38,562 7,54 461 9,790 21,22 74,511 1,520 20,40 294,849 7,035 23,86 1,688 2,025 1,20	71,636 9.64 617 9,562 115,50 116,466 340,065 8,940 26,29 2,518 1.14 130,463 301,489 2.31 101,010 1,682 16,65 60,602 4,975 23,774 96,886 11,829 96,886 11,829 2,278	129,089 13,288 7733 12,147 16,56 298,910 6,086 20,36 305,186 7,840 25,69 2,995 3,902 1,30 149,144 388,091 2,437 18,99 92,414 8,543 81,890 86,119 14,441	190,612 12.93 1,085 15,195 14.00 342,396 6,291 18.37 269,448 7,662 26.21 2,635 3,167 1.20 2.74 4,213 17.44 112,961 14,191 74,489 110,619 12,261 11,776	12,003 166,713 13,89 1,460 22,302 15,27 784,253 18,004 22,92 301,360 7,436 24,67 2,758 3,575 1,30 99,324 32,727 3,35 24,564 5,154 20,25 129,739 15,857 94,451 125,189 13,561 1,611	155,728 16,78 1,497 21,532 14,388 450,615 8,278 18,37 284,592 6,885 24,19 2,359 3,116 1,32 240,209 483,561 3,45 240,988 4,692 19,47 130,307 19,793 111,230 124,615 1,005 1,518	
Pigs Wool production (d) '000 lb. Butter ', ', Cheese ', ', ', Bacon and ham ', Total gross value of all pastoral and dairying production . £'000	703 319,649 (e) (e) (e) (e)	846 634,046 (f) 42,315 (f) 10,131 (f) 16,772	931 539,395 (f)103,747 (f)11,845 (f)34,021	1,111 798,391 (f)212,074 (f)15,887 (f)53,335 72,883	119,399	1,168 1,007,456 390,654 31,423 71,122	1,477 1,167,159 375,694 67,520 95,119	1,563 1,151,167 383,171 80,930 104,836	
MINIBAL PROPHOMON	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1942.	
MINERAL PRODUCTION—   Gold	5,194 46 714 1,146  638 7,820	5,282 3,736 367 561 3 1,912	14,018 2,249 2,215 448 4 2,603 21,817	10,552 3,022 2,564 1,210 1,415 3,927 23,303	4,019 1,540 804 418 283 11,015	3,564 1,444 568 216 513 6,355 13,352	15,991 6,256 1,505 1,001 1,590 10,872 41,257	12,060 5,624 1,666 896 1,563 12,623 38,462	
					1921-22.	1931–32.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
FORESTRY PRODUCTION— Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn— '000 sup. ft.									
FACTORIES— '000 sup. ft.  Number of factories Hands employed . No. Wages paid . £'000 Value of production Total value of output ','	$\begin{cases} (e) \\ (g) \end{cases}$	(e) (g)	(g) {	14,455 311,710 27,528 51,259 133,022	18,023 378,540 68,051 121,674 320,332	236,707 21,657 336,658 55,932 110,982 281,646	913,675 26,971 725,342 180,052 316,439 773,059	855,728 26,414 759,045 208,867 352,002 850,349	

<sup>(</sup>a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated. (e) Not available. (f) Years ended December. (g) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison

#### STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA—continued.

	Years.								
Heading.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931–32.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
SHIPPING—									
Oversea vessels entered and cleared No. '000 tons	3,284 2,549	3,778 4,726	4,028 6,542	4,174 9,985	3,111 9,081	$3,057 \\ 11,396$	2,555 10,790	$\binom{(l)}{(l)}$	
COMMERCE— Imports—Oversea £'000 Per head £	29,067 12/16/2	37,711 11/16/0	42,434 $11/3/11$	66,968 14/18/2	$\begin{array}{c} 103,066 \\ 18/14/1 \\ 127,847 \end{array}$	44,713 6/16/6 (b) 85,843	(a) 149,356 20/18/6 ab 127,208	(a) 212,107  29/6/9  ab 100,241	
Exports—Oversea £'000 Per head £ Total—Oversea trade £'000	27,528 12/2/8 56,595	36,043 $11/5/6$ $73,754$	$\begin{array}{c} 49,696 \\ 13/2/2 \\ 92,130 \end{array}$	79,482 17/13/10 146,450	23/4/1 $230,913$	13/1/11 130,556	17/16/6 (a) 276,564 38/15/0	13/17/4 (a) 312,348 43/4/1	
Customs and Excise duties	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1 8,657	32/12/0 13,515	41/18/2 27,565	19/18/5 28,525	56,777	64,861	
Per head £ PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS	4,809 2/2/5	7,441 2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/19/1	9/0/2	
(c)— Wool—Quantity (d) '000 lb. Value . £'000 Wheat—Quantity '000 lb.	328,369 13,173 3,219	619,260 19,940 5,877	518,018 15,237 12,156	720,365 26,071 33,089	927,834 47,977 59,968	893,644 32,102 76,441	937,376 58,041 13,388	$630,077 \\ 44,318 \\ 13,526$	
Value £'000 Flour—Quantity '000 tons	1,190 50 520	1,939 33 328	2,775 97 590	9,642 176 1,392	28,644 360 5,520	19,220 611 3,833	4,645 414 4,191	4,884 342 3,494	
Butter—Quantity '000 lb. Value . £'000	1,299 39 317	4,240 207 874	34,607 $1,451$ $1,251$	101,722 4,637 3,227	127,347 7,968 3,137	201,639 10,250 2,316	130,347 8,125 5,982	$124,321 \\ 8,086 \\ 3,705$	
Hides and skins ,, Tallow ,, Meats ,,	644 363 118	571 461 38	678 2,611 731	1,936 4,303 1,024	1,442 5,542 1,158	831 6,370 433	842 14,094 320	$\begin{array}{c} 186 \\ 10,896 \\ 267 \end{array}$	
Timber (undressed) ,, Gold ,, Silver and lead ,, Copper ,,	6,445 58 677	5,704 1,932 418	14,316 2,250 1,619	12,046 3,213 2,346	2,697 705	11,893 2,902 472	9,188 7,434 18	$     \begin{array}{c}       (l) \\       3,826 \\       9 \\       297     \end{array} $	
COMPANDENT RAILWAYS—	361	646	987	901		342 26,959	259 27,241	27,223	
Length of line open miles Capital cost . £'000 Gross revenue . ,,, Working expenses ,,,	3,832 42,741 3,910 2,142	9,541 99,764 8,654 5,630	12,579 123,224 11,038 7,134	16,078 152,195 17,848 10,946	244,353 38,195	321,972 37,580 28,142	322,152 66,482 51,043	324,265 84,746 64,027	
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	75.55	
Postal— Letters and post-cards dealt with Per head No. Per head No.	67,640 29.61 38.063	157,297 49.07 85,280	220,853 58.26 102,727	453,063 100.90 141,638	102.01	731,135 111.62 139,502	129.17 177,974	887,798 123.32 163,578	
Newspapers dealt with '000 Per head No. CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)—	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50			22.72	
Note circulation	3,979 9,108 57,733 53,849	$\begin{array}{c} 4,417 \\ 16,713 \\ 129,742 \\ 98,345 \end{array}$	3,399 19,781 86,353 91,487	3,718 33,471 108,579 143,447	21,627	2,882		ah 253,361	
Deposits " SAVINGS BANKS (j)— Total deposits £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883					(k) 516,685	
Average per head of population £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7	70/14/3	
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1942.	
State Schools— Schools No. Teachers	4,494 9,028 432,320 255,143	6,231 12,564 561,153 350,773	7,012 14,500 638,478 450,246	16,971 638,850	$ \begin{array}{c c} 26,120 \\ 819,042 \end{array} $	33,762 936,901	32,066 886,655	31,684 864,550	

<sup>(</sup>a) Merchandise only. (b) British currency values. The recorded values were :—Exports, 1931–32, £A.109,034,000; 1941–42, £A.159,329,000; and 1942–43, £A.125,552,000, vide page 15. (c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (g) Quarter ended December, 1944. (h) Government "set-off" accounts interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (j) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (k) At 31st December, 1944. (l) Not available for publication.

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